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ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2207

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By House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Haigh, Orcutt, Haler, Tharinger, Blake, Short, Van De Wege, Fagan, Magendanz, and Buys)

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1 AN ACT Relating to eliminating the reduction in state basic  
2 education funding that occurs in counties with federal forest lands;  
3 amending RCW 28A.150.250 and 28A.520.020; and providing an effective  
4 date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.150.250 and 2009 c 548 s 105 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (1) From those funds made available by the legislature for the  
9 current use of the common schools, the superintendent of public  
10 instruction shall distribute annually as provided in RCW 28A.510.250 to  
11 each school district of the state operating a basic education  
12 instructional program approved by the state board of education an  
13 amount based on the formulas provided in RCW 28A.150.260, 28A.150.390,  
14 and 28A.150.392 which, when combined with an appropriate portion of  
15 such locally available revenues, other than receipts from federal  
16 forest revenues distributed to school districts pursuant to RCW  
17 28A.520.010 and 28A.520.020, as the superintendent of public  
18 instruction may deem appropriate for consideration in computing state  
19 equalization support, excluding excess property tax levies, will

1 constitute a basic education allocation in dollars for each annual  
2 average full-time equivalent student enrolled. However, pursuant to  
3 RCW 28A.520.020, the superintendent may not offset basic education  
4 allocations with a district's federal forest revenues received under  
5 chapter 28A.520 RCW if the school district has a poverty level of at  
6 least fifty-seven percent.

7 (2) The instructional program of basic education shall be  
8 considered to be fully funded by those amounts of dollars appropriated  
9 by the legislature pursuant to RCW 28A.150.260, 28A.150.390, and  
10 28A.150.392 to fund those program requirements identified in RCW  
11 28A.150.220 in accordance with the formula provided in RCW 28A.150.260  
12 and those amounts of dollars appropriated by the legislature to fund  
13 the salary requirements of RCW 28A.150.410.

14 (3) If a school district's basic education program fails to meet  
15 the basic education requirements enumerated in RCW 28A.150.260 and  
16 28A.150.220, the state board of education shall require the  
17 superintendent of public instruction to withhold state funds in whole  
18 or in part for the basic education allocation until program compliance  
19 is assured. However, the state board of education may waive this  
20 requirement in the event of substantial lack of classroom space.

21 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.520.020 and 2011 c 278 s 1 are each amended to  
22 read as follows:

23 (1) There shall be a fund known as the federal forest revolving  
24 account. The state treasurer, who shall be custodian of the revolving  
25 account, shall deposit into the revolving account the funds for each  
26 county received by the state in accordance with Title 16, section 500,  
27 United States Code. The state treasurer shall distribute these moneys  
28 to the counties according to the determined proportional area. The  
29 county legislative authority shall expend fifty percent of the money  
30 for the benefit of the public roads and other public purposes as  
31 authorized by federal statute or public schools of such county and not  
32 otherwise. Disbursements by the counties of the remaining fifty  
33 percent of the money shall be as authorized by the superintendent of  
34 public instruction, or the superintendent's designee, and shall occur  
35 in the manner provided in subsection (2) of this section.

36 (2) No later than thirty days following receipt of the funds from  
37 the federal government, the superintendent of public instruction shall

1 apportion moneys distributed to counties for schools to public school  
2 districts in the respective counties in proportion to the number of  
3 resident full-time equivalent students enrolled in each public school  
4 district to the number of resident full-time equivalent students  
5 enrolled in public schools in the county. In apportioning these funds,  
6 the superintendent of public instruction shall utilize the October  
7 enrollment count.

8 (3)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, if the amount  
9 received by any public school district pursuant to subsection (2) of  
10 this section is less than the basic education allocation to which the  
11 district would otherwise be entitled, the superintendent of public  
12 instruction shall apportion to the district, in the manner provided by  
13 RCW 28A.510.250, an amount which shall be the difference between the  
14 amount received pursuant to subsection (2) of this section and the  
15 basic education allocation to which the district would otherwise be  
16 entitled.

17 (b) If a school district has a poverty level of at least fifty-  
18 seven percent, the superintendent may not offset that district's basic  
19 education allocation by the amount of those federal forest revenues, to  
20 the extent that such revenues do not exceed seventy thousand dollars.  
21 The superintendent may offset the district's basic education  
22 allocations by the portion of the federal forest revenues that exceeds  
23 seventy thousand dollars. For purposes of this section, poverty is  
24 measured by the percentage of students eligible for free and reduced-  
25 price lunch in the previous school year.

26 (4) All federal forest funds shall be expended in accordance with  
27 the requirements of Title 16, section 500, United States Code, as now  
28 existing or hereafter amended.

29 (5) The definition of resident student for purposes of this section  
30 shall be based on rules adopted by the superintendent of public  
31 instruction, which shall consider and address the impact of alternative  
32 learning experience students on federal forest funds distribution.

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act takes effect September 1, 2014.

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