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By Senators Frockt, Murray, Nelson, Kohl-Welles, Hasegawa, Chase, and Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to raising the minimum state funding assistance  
2 percentage for the school construction assistance program; and amending  
3 RCW 28A.525.166.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.525.166 and 2012 c 244 s 3 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 Allocations to school districts of state funds provided by RCW  
8 28A.525.162 through 28A.525.180 shall be made by the superintendent of  
9 public instruction and the amount of state funding assistance to a  
10 school district in financing a school plant project shall be determined  
11 in the following manner:

12 (1) The boards of directors of the districts shall determine the  
13 total cost of the proposed project, which cost may include the cost of  
14 acquiring and preparing the site, the cost of constructing the building  
15 or of acquiring a building and preparing the same for school use, the  
16 cost of necessary equipment, taxes chargeable to the project, necessary  
17 architects' fees, and a reasonable amount for contingencies and for  
18 other necessary incidental expenses: PROVIDED, That the total cost of

1 the project shall be subject to review and approval by the  
2 superintendent.

3 (2) The state funding assistance percentage for a school district  
4 shall be computed by the following formula:

5 The ratio of the school district's adjusted valuation per pupil  
6 divided by the ratio of the total state adjusted valuation per pupil  
7 shall be subtracted from three, and then the result of the foregoing  
8 shall be divided by three plus (the ratio of the school district's  
9 adjusted valuation per pupil divided by the ratio of the total state  
10 adjusted valuation per pupil).

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	District adjusted	Total state	
	3-valuation	÷ adjusted valuation	State
12	per pupil	per pupil	Funding
13	Computed		
14	State =	----- = - % Assistance	
15	Ratio	District adjusted	Total state
16		3+valuation	÷ adjusted valuation
17		per pupil	per pupil

18 PROVIDED, That in the event the state funding assistance percentage to  
19 any school district based on the above formula is less than ((~~twenty~~)  
20 thirty percent and such school district is otherwise eligible for state  
21 funding assistance under RCW 28A.525.162 through 28A.525.180, the  
22 superintendent ((~~may~~) must establish for such district a state funding  
23 assistance percentage not in excess of ((~~twenty~~) thirty percent of the  
24 approved cost of the project, if the superintendent finds that such  
25 additional assistance is necessary to provide minimum facilities for  
26 housing the pupils of the district.

27 (3) In addition to the computed state funding assistance percentage  
28 developed in subsection (2) of this section, a school district shall be  
29 entitled to additional percentage points determined by the average  
30 percentage of growth for the past three years. One percent shall be  
31 added to the computed state funding assistance percentage for each  
32 percent of growth, with a maximum of twenty percent.

33 (4) In computing the state funding assistance percentage in  
34 subsection (2) of this section and adjusting the percentage under  
35 subsection (3) of this section, students residing outside the school  
36 district who are enrolled in alternative learning experience programs  
37 under RCW 28A.150.325 shall be excluded from the count of total pupils.  
38 In lieu of the exclusion in this subsection, a district may submit an

1 alternative calculation for excluding students enrolled in alternative  
2 learning experience programs. The alternative calculation must show  
3 the student headcount use of district classroom facilities on a regular  
4 basis for a reasonable duration by out-of-district alternative learning  
5 experience program students subtracted by the headcount of in-district  
6 alternative learning experience program students not using district  
7 classroom facilities on a regular basis for a reasonable duration. The  
8 alternative calculation must be submitted in a form approved by the  
9 office of the superintendent of public instruction. The office of the  
10 superintendent of public instruction must develop rules to define  
11 "regular basis" and "reasonable duration."

12 (5) The approved cost of the project determined in the manner  
13 prescribed in this section multiplied by the state funding assistance  
14 percentage derived as provided for in this section shall be the amount  
15 of state funding assistance to the district for the financing of the  
16 project: PROVIDED, That need therefor has been established to the  
17 satisfaction of the superintendent: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That additional  
18 state funding assistance may be allowed if it is found by the  
19 superintendent, considering policy recommendations from the school  
20 facilities citizen advisory panel that such assistance is necessary in  
21 order to meet (a) a school housing emergency resulting from the  
22 destruction of a school building by fire, the condemnation of a school  
23 building by properly constituted authorities, a sudden excessive and  
24 clearly foreseeable future increase in school population, or other  
25 conditions similarly emergent in nature; or (b) a special school  
26 housing burden resulting from projects of statewide significance or  
27 imposed by virtue of the admission of nonresident students into  
28 educational programs established, maintained and operated in conformity  
29 with the requirements of law; or (c) a deficiency in the capital funds  
30 of the district resulting from financing, subsequent to April 1, 1969,  
31 and without benefit of the state funding assistance provided by prior  
32 state assistance programs, the construction of a needed school building  
33 project or projects approved in conformity with the requirements of  
34 such programs, after having first applied for and been denied state  
35 funding assistance because of the inadequacy of state funds available  
36 for the purpose((7)); or (d) a condition created by the fact that an  
37 excessive number of students live in state owned housing((7)); or (e)  
38 a need for the construction of a school building to provide for

1 improved school district organization or racial balance(~~(7)~~)i or (f)  
2 conditions similar to those defined under (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e)  
3 of this subsection, creating a like emergency.

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