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1 AN ACT Relating to preventing unfunded state mandates by
2 requiring school district fiscal notes to identify revenue sources;
3 and amending RCW 28A.300.0401.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.300.0401 and 2011 c 140 s 3 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall,
8 where it is practicable to do so within available resources, prepare
9 school district fiscal notes on proposed legislation that increases
10 or decreases, or tends to increase or decrease, school district
11 revenues or expenditures in a manner that uniquely affects school
12 districts. Proposed legislation that uniquely affects school
13 districts includes, but is not limited to, legislation that affects
14 school districts' responsibilities as providers of educational
15 services under this title, as employers under chapter 41.59 RCW, or
16 as excess levy taxing authorities under RCW 84.52.053 and 84.52.0531,
17 but excludes proposed legislation that affects school districts only
18 in the same manner that it affects other units of local government.

19 (2) Where practicable, the school district fiscal note shall show
20 the fiscal impact of the proposed legislation on each school
21 district. Where it is not practicable to do so, the school district

1 fiscal note shall show the effect of the legislation on a range of
2 representative school districts. The fiscal note must set forth any
3 assumptions that were used in selecting the representative districts,
4 along with any other assumptions made about the fiscal impact.

5 (3) School district fiscal notes prepared under this section are
6 subject to coordination by the office of financial management under
7 RCW 43.88A.020 and are otherwise subject to the requirements and
8 procedures of chapter 43.88A RCW.

9 (4) For all legislation where a school district fiscal note is
10 required, the legislature must appropriate the funds identified as
11 necessary to fund the local costs of the legislation, or must
12 identify the revenue source that is available to school districts to
13 fund the local costs to implement the legislation. If the legislation
14 mandates any requirements that are a component of basic education,
15 the legislature may not rely on local levy funds or federal funds as
16 a funding resource.

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