

**SB 6109 - DIGEST**

Declares an intent to take the following actions, many of which implement or modify the recommendations of the compensation technical working group: (1) Assume full responsibility for providing sufficient funds to attract and retain competent teachers;

(2) Phase in competitive wages for certificated instructional staff beginning in the 2017-2018 school year;

(3) Create a rational basis for the salary levels for educators;

(4) Maintain comparable wage levels for all state-funded K-12 administrative, instructional, and classified staff;

(5) Reduce the overreliance on local levy funding;

(6) Preserve local effort assistance; and

(7) Establish a school employees' benefits board as part of a consolidated school district employees' health benefits purchasing program in the state health care authority.