
HOUSE BILL 2237

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1 AN ACT Relating to local effort assistance; amending RCW
2 28A.500.015; and providing an effective date.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.500.015 and 2019 c 410 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Beginning in calendar year ~~((2020))~~ 2021 and each calendar
7 year thereafter, the state must provide state local effort assistance
8 funding to supplement school district enrichment levies as provided
9 in this section.

10 (2)(a) For an eligible school district ~~((with an actual
11 enrichment levy rate that is less than one dollar and fifty cents per
12 thousand dollars of assessed value in the school district))~~, the
13 annual local effort assistance funding is equal to the school
14 district's maximum local effort assistance multiplied by a fraction
15 equal to the school district's actual enrichment levy ~~((rate))~~
16 divided by ~~((one dollar and fifty cents per thousand dollars of
17 assessed value in))~~ the school ~~((district))~~ district's maximum
18 allowable enrichment levy.

19 (b) ~~((For an eligible school district with an actual enrichment
20 levy rate that is equal to or greater than one dollar and fifty cents
21 per thousand dollars of assessed value in the school district, the~~

1 ~~annual local effort assistance funding is equal to the school~~
2 ~~district's maximum local effort assistance.~~

3 ~~(e))~~ Beginning in calendar year 2022, for state-tribal education
4 compact schools established under chapter 28A.715 RCW, the annual
5 local effort assistance funding is equal to the actual enrichment
6 levy per student as calculated by the superintendent of public
7 instruction for the previous year for the school district in which
8 the state-tribal education compact school is located, up to a maximum
9 per student amount of ~~((one))~~ two thousand five hundred ~~((fifty))~~
10 dollars as increased ~~((by))~~ for inflation ~~((from the 2019))~~ beginning
11 in calendar year 2020, multiplied by the student enrollment of the
12 state-tribal education compact school in the prior school year.

13 ~~((d) For a school district that meets the criteria in this~~
14 ~~subsection and is located west of the Cascades in a county that~~
15 ~~borders another state, the annual local effort assistance funding is~~
16 ~~equal to the local effort assistance funding authorized under (b) of~~
17 ~~this subsection and additional local effort assistance funding equal~~
18 ~~to the following amounts:~~

19 ~~(i) Two hundred forty-six dollars per pupil in the 2019-20 school~~
20 ~~year for a school district with more than twenty-five thousand annual~~
21 ~~full-time equivalent students; and~~

22 ~~(ii) Two hundred eighty-six dollars per pupil in the 2019-20~~
23 ~~school year for a school district with more than twenty thousand~~
24 ~~annual full-time equivalent enrolled students but fewer than twenty-~~
25 ~~five thousand annual full-time equivalent enrolled students.)~~

26 (3) The state local effort assistance funding provided under this
27 section is not part of the state's program of basic education deemed
28 by the legislature to comply with the requirements of Article IX,
29 section 1 of the state Constitution.

30 (4) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
31 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

32 (a) "Eligible school district" means a school district ~~((where~~
33 ~~the amount generated by a levy of one dollar and fifty cents per~~
34 ~~thousand dollars of assessed value in the school district,))~~ whose
35 maximum allowable enrichment levy divided by the school district's
36 total student enrollment in the prior school year~~((7))~~ is less than
37 the state local effort assistance threshold.

38 (b) For the purpose of this section, "inflation" means, for any
39 school year, the rate of the yearly increase of the previous calendar
40 year's annual average consumer price index for all urban consumers,

1 Seattle area, using the official current base compiled by the bureau
2 of labor statistics, United States department of labor.

3 (c) "Maximum allowable enrichment levy" means the maximum levy
4 permitted by RCW 84.52.0531.

5 (d) "Maximum local effort assistance" means the difference
6 between the following:

7 (i) The school district's actual prior school year enrollment
8 multiplied by the state local effort assistance threshold; and

9 (ii) The ~~((amount generated by a levy of one dollar and fifty~~
10 ~~cents per thousand dollars of assessed value in the))~~ school
11 ~~((district))~~ district's maximum allowable enrichment levy.

12 ~~((d))~~ (e) "Prior school year" means the most recent school year
13 completed prior to the year in which the state local effort
14 assistance funding is to be distributed.

15 ~~((e))~~ (f) "State local effort assistance threshold" means
16 ~~((one))~~ two thousand five hundred ~~((fifty))~~ dollars per student,
17 increased for inflation beginning in calendar year 2020.

18 ~~((f))~~ (g) "Student enrollment" means the average annual full-
19 time equivalent student enrollment.

20 (5) For districts in a high/nonhigh relationship, the enrollments
21 of the nonhigh students attending the high school shall only be
22 counted by the nonhigh school districts for purposes of funding under
23 this section.

24 (6) For school districts participating in an innovation academy
25 cooperative established under RCW 28A.340.080, enrollments of
26 students attending the academy shall be adjusted so that each
27 participant district receives its proportional share of student
28 enrollments for purposes of funding under this section.

29 (7) No district may receive less in local effort assistance in a
30 calendar year under this act than it would have received for that
31 calendar year under chapter 410, Laws of 2019 had it not been amended
32 by this act.

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act takes effect January 1, 2021.

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