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**HOUSE BILL 2823**

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**By** Representatives Ramel, Lekanoff, Bergquist, and Pollet

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1 AN ACT Relating to school district levies; and amending RCW  
2 84.52.0531.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.52.0531 and 2019 c 410 s 2 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Beginning with taxes levied for collection in ((2020)) 2021,  
7 the maximum dollar amount which may be levied by or for any school  
8 district for enrichment levies under RCW 84.52.053 is equal to the  
9 lesser of two dollars and fifty cents per thousand dollars of the  
10 assessed value of property in the school district or the maximum per-  
11 pupil limit. This maximum dollar amount shall be reduced accordingly  
12 as provided under RCW 43.09.2856(2).

13 (2) The definitions in this subsection apply to this section  
14 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

15 (a) For the purpose of this section, "inflation" means, for any  
16 school year, the rate of the yearly increase of the previous calendar  
17 year's annual average consumer price index for all urban consumers,  
18 Seattle area, using the official current base compiled by the bureau  
19 of labor statistics, United States department of labor.

20 (b) "Maximum per-pupil limit" means((÷

1       ~~(i) Two thousand five hundred dollars, as increased by inflation~~  
2 ~~beginning with property taxes levied for collection in 2020,~~  
3 ~~multiplied by the number of average annual full-time equivalent~~  
4 ~~students enrolled in the school district in the prior school year,~~  
5 ~~for school districts with fewer than forty thousand annual full-time~~  
6 ~~equivalent students enrolled in the school district in the prior~~  
7 ~~school year; or~~

8       ~~(ii))~~ three thousand dollars, as increased by inflation  
9 beginning with property taxes levied for collection in ((2020)) 2021,  
10 multiplied by the number of average annual full-time equivalent  
11 students enrolled in the school district in the prior school year((7  
12 for school districts with forty thousand or more annual full-time  
13 equivalent students enrolled in the school district in the prior  
14 school year)) .

15       (c) "Prior school year" means the most recent school year  
16 completed prior to the year in which the levies are to be collected.

17       (3) For districts in a high/nonhigh relationship, the enrollments  
18 of the nonhigh students attending the high school shall only be  
19 counted by the nonhigh school districts for purposes of funding under  
20 this section.

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

26       (5) Beginning with propositions for enrichment levies for  
27 collection in calendar year 2020 and thereafter, a district must  
28 receive approval of an enrichment levy expenditure plan under RCW  
29 28A.505.240 before submission of the proposition to the voters.

30       (6) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop rules  
31 and regulations and inform school districts of the pertinent data  
32 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

33       (7) Beginning with taxes levied for collection in 2018,  
34 enrichment levy revenues must be deposited in a separate subfund of  
35 the school district's general fund pursuant to RCW 28A.320.330, and  
36 for the 2018-19 school year are subject to the restrictions of RCW  
37 28A.150.276 and the audit requirements of RCW 43.09.2856.

38       (8) Funds collected from levies for transportation vehicles,  
39 construction, modernization, or remodeling of school facilities as

1 established in RCW 84.52.053 are not subject to the levy limitations  
2 in subsections (1) through (5) of this section.

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