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By Representative Stokesbary

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

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 enrichment
11 levy rate that is less than ~~((one))~~ two dollars ~~((and fifty cents))~~
12 per 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 divided by
16 ~~((one))~~ two dollars ~~((and fifty cents))~~ per thousand dollars of
17 assessed value in the school district.

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

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

3 (c) 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 inflation from the 2019 calendar year,
11 multiplied by the student enrollment of the state-tribal education
12 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 the
33 amount generated by a levy of ~~((one))~~ two dollars ~~((and fifty cents))~~
34 per thousand dollars of assessed value in the school district,
35 divided by the school district's total student enrollment in the
36 prior school year, is less than the state local effort assistance
37 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 local effort assistance" means the difference
4 between the following:

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

7 (ii) The amount generated by a levy of ~~((one))~~ two dollars ~~((and~~
8 ~~fifty cents))~~ per thousand dollars of assessed value in the school
9 district.

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

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

16 (f) "Student enrollment" means the average annual full-time
17 equivalent student enrollment.

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

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

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