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**SENATE BILL 6477**

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**By** Senators Lovelett and Saldaña

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1 AN ACT Relating to limitations on school district enrichment  
2 levies; and amending RCW 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  
9 ~~((the))~~ either:

10 (a) The lesser of two dollars and fifty cents per thousand  
11 dollars of the assessed value of property in the school district or  
12 the maximum per-pupil limit; or

13 (b) For taxes levied for collection in 2021 and 2022, the school  
14 district's voter-approved maintenance and operation levy under  
15 section 203, chapter 13, Laws of 2017 3rd sp. sess. unless the  
16 authority for the voter-approved maintenance and operation levy  
17 otherwise lapsed. This maximum dollar amount shall be reduced  
18 accordingly as provided under RCW 43.09.2856(2).

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

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

6 (b) "Maximum per-pupil limit" means:

7 (i) Two thousand five hundred dollars, as increased by inflation  
8 beginning with property taxes levied for collection in 2020,  
9 multiplied by the number of average annual full-time equivalent  
10 students enrolled in the school district in the prior school year,  
11 for school districts with fewer than forty thousand annual full-time  
12 equivalent students enrolled in the school district in the prior  
13 school year; or

14 (ii) Three thousand dollars, as increased by inflation beginning  
15 with property taxes levied for collection in 2020, multiplied by the  
16 number of average annual full-time equivalent students enrolled in  
17 the school district in the prior school year, for school districts  
18 with forty thousand or more annual full-time equivalent students  
19 enrolled in the school district in the prior school year.

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

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

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

31 (5) Beginning with propositions for enrichment levies for  
32 collection in calendar year 2020 and thereafter, a district must  
33 receive approval of an enrichment levy expenditure plan under RCW  
34 28A.505.240 before submission of the proposition to the voters.

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

38 (7) Beginning with taxes levied for collection in 2018,  
39 enrichment levy revenues must be deposited in a separate subfund of  
40 the school district's general fund pursuant to RCW 28A.320.330, and

1 for the 2018-19 school year are subject to the restrictions of RCW  
2 28A.150.276 and the audit requirements of RCW 43.09.2856.

3 (8) Funds collected from levies for transportation vehicles,  
4 construction, modernization, or remodeling of school facilities as  
5 established in RCW 84.52.053 are not subject to the levy limitations  
6 in subsections (1) through (5) of this section.

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