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By Senators Braun and Dozier

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1 AN ACT Relating to enhancing state local effort assistance
2 funding for public schools; amending RCW 28A.500.015; and providing
3 an effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.500.015 and 2022 c 108 s 4 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Beginning in calendar year ~~((2020))~~ 2025 and each calendar
8 year thereafter, the state must provide state local effort assistance
9 funding to supplement school district enrichment levies as provided
10 in this section.

11 (2)(a) For an eligible school district with an actual enrichment
12 levy rate that is less than ~~((one dollar and fifty cents))~~ \$1.50 per
13 ~~((thousand dollars))~~ \$1,000 of assessed value in the school district,
14 the annual local effort assistance funding is equal to the school
15 district's maximum local effort assistance multiplied by a fraction
16 equal to the school district's actual enrichment levy rate divided by
17 ~~((one dollar and fifty cents))~~ \$1.50 per ~~((thousand dollars))~~ \$1,000
18 of assessed value in the school district.

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~~
21 ~~cents))~~ \$1.50 per ~~((thousand dollars))~~ \$1,000 of assessed value in

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

3 (c) Beginning in calendar year (~~(2022)~~) 2025, for state-tribal
4 education compact schools (~~(established under)~~) subject to chapter
5 28A.715 RCW, the annual local effort assistance funding is equal to
6 the actual enrichment levy per student as calculated by the
7 superintendent of public instruction for the previous year for the
8 school district in which the state-tribal education compact school is
9 located, up to a maximum per student amount of (~~(one thousand five~~
10 ~~hundred fifty dollars as increased by inflation from the 2019~~
11 ~~calendar year)~~) \$2,250, increased for inflation beginning in calendar
12 year 2025, multiplied by the student enrollment of the state-tribal
13 education compact school in the prior school year.

14 (d) (i) Beginning in calendar year 2025, for charter schools
15 established under chapter 28A.710 RCW, the annual local effort
16 assistance funding is equal to the actual enrichment levy per student
17 as calculated by the superintendent of public instruction for the
18 previous year for the school district in which the charter school is
19 located, up to a maximum per student amount of \$2,250, increased for
20 inflation beginning in calendar year 2025, multiplied by the student
21 enrollment of the charter school in the prior school year.

22 (ii) The legislature must appropriate annual local effort
23 assistance funds for charter schools from the Washington opportunity
24 pathways account in accordance with RCW 28A.710.270.

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

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

31 (a) "Eligible school district" means a school district where the
32 amount generated by a levy of (~~(one dollar and fifty cents)~~) \$1.50
33 per ((thousand dollars)) \$1,000 of assessed value in the school
34 district, divided by the school district's total student enrollment
35 in the prior school year, is less than the state local effort
36 assistance threshold.

37 (b) For the purpose of this section, "inflation" means, for any
38 school year, the rate of the yearly increase of the previous calendar
39 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 dollar and fifty~~
8 ~~cents~~) \$1.50 per (~~thousand dollars~~) \$1,000 of assessed value in
9 the school 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(~~, except as follows:~~

13 ~~(i) In the 2022 calendar year, if 2019-20 school year average~~
14 ~~annual full-time equivalent enrollment is greater than the school~~
15 ~~district's 2020-21 school year average annual full-time equivalent~~
16 ~~enrollment, "prior school year" means the 2019-20 school year.~~

17 ~~(ii) In the 2023 calendar year, if 2019-20 school year average~~
18 ~~annual full-time equivalent enrollment is greater than the school~~
19 ~~district's 2021-22 school year average annual full-time equivalent~~
20 ~~enrollment, "prior school year" means the 2019-20 school year)).~~

21 (e) "State local effort assistance threshold" means (~~one~~
22 ~~thousand five hundred fifty dollars~~) \$2,250 per student, increased
23 for inflation beginning in calendar year (~~2020~~) 2025.

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

26 (5) For districts in a high/nonhigh relationship, the enrollments
27 of the nonhigh students attending the high school shall only be
28 counted by the nonhigh school districts for purposes of funding under
29 this section.

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

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this act takes effect January
36 1, 2025.

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