## HOUSE BILL 1120

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**By** Representatives Shavers, Reed, Wylie, Pollet, Kloba, and Reeves; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

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1 AN ACT Relating to determining state allocations for school staff 2 salaries; and amending RCW 28A.150.410.

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

4 Sec. 1. RCW 28A.150.410 and 2022 c 109 s 7 are each amended to 5 read as follows:

6 (1)((Through the 2017-18 school year, the legislature shall 7 establish for each school year in the appropriations act a statewide 8 salary allocation schedule, for allocation purposes only, to be used to distribute funds for basic education certificated instructional 9 10 staff salaries under RCW 28A.150.260. For the purposes of this 11 section, the staff allocations for classroom teachers, teacher-12 librarians, counselors, and student health services staff under RCW 13 28A.150.260 are considered allocations for certificated instructional staff. 14

15 (2) Through the 2017-18 school year, salary allocations for 16 state-funded basic education certificated instructional staff shall 17 be calculated by the superintendent of public instruction by 18 determining the district's average salary for certificated 19 instructional staff, using the statewide salary allocation schedule 20 and related documents, conditions, and limitations established by the 21 omnibus appropriations act. 1 (3) Through the 2017-18 school year, no more than 90 college 2 quarter-hour credits received by any employee after the baccalaureate 3 degree may be used to determine compensation allocations under the 4 state salary allocation schedule and LEAP documents referenced in the 5 omnibus appropriations act, or any replacement schedules and 6 documents, unless:

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(a) The employee has a master's degree; or

8 (b) The credits were used in generating state salary allocations
9 before January 1, 1992.

10 (4) Beginning in the 2007-08 school year and through the 2017-18 school year, the calculation of years of service for occupational 11 therapists, physical therapists, speech-language pathologists, 12 audiologists, nurses, social workers, counselors, and psychologists 13 regulated under Title 18 RCW may include experience in schools and 14 other nonschool positions as occupational therapists, physical 15 16 therapists, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, nurses, 17 social workers, counselors, or psychologists. The calculation shall be that one year of service in a nonschool position counts as one 18 19 year of service for purposes of this chapter, up to a limit of two years of nonschool service. Nonschool years of service included in 20 calculations under this subsection shall not be applied to service 21 credit totals for purposes of any retirement benefit under chapter 22 41.32, 41.35, or 41.40 RCW, or any other state retirement system 23 benefits. 24

25 (5)) By the 2018-19 school year, the minimum state allocation 26 for salaries for certificated instructional staff in the basic 27 education program must be increased to provide a statewide average 28 allocation of \$64,000 adjusted for inflation from the 2017-18 school 29 year.

30 ((<del>(6)</del>)) <u>(2)</u> By the 2018-19 school year, the minimum state 31 allocation for salaries for certificated administrative staff in the 32 basic education program must be increased to provide a statewide 33 average allocation of \$95,000 adjusted for inflation from the 2017-18 34 school year.

35  $((\frac{7}{9})$  By the 2018-19)) (3) Beginning with the 2025-26 school 36 year, the minimum state allocation for salaries for classified staff 37 in the basic education program must be increased to provide a 38 statewide average allocation of  $((\frac{45,912}{9}))$   $\frac{67,325}{2023-24}$  adjusted by 39 inflation from the  $((\frac{2017-18}{9}))$   $\frac{2023-24}{9}$  school year.

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1 (((8) For school year 2018-19, a district's minimum state 2 allocation for salaries is the greater of the district's 2017-18 3 state salary allocation, adjusted for inflation, or the district's 4 allocation based on the state salary level specified in subsections 5 (5) through (7) of this section, and as further specified in the 6 omnibus appropriations act.

7 (9)) (4) Beginning with the 2026-27 school year, the minimum 8 state allocation for salaries for classified staff in the basic 9 education program must be increased to provide a statewide average 10 allocation of \$73,384 adjusted by inflation from the 2023-24 school 11 year.

12 (5) (a) Beginning with the 2027-28 school year, the minimum state 13 allocation for salaries for classified administrative staff in the basic education program must be increased to provide a statewide 14 15 average allocation of \$99,164 adjusted by inflation from the 2026-27 school year. Beginning with the 2027-28 school year, the minimum 16 17 state allocation for salaries for other classified staff in the basic education program must be increased to provide a statewide average 18 allocation of \$79,988 adjusted by inflation from the 2023-24 school 19 20 year.

21 (b) For the purposes of this subsection, classified administrative staff includes directors or supervisors or other 22 23 school administrators that are not certificated administrative staff, 24 including staff working in the business office, human resources, public relations, instruction supervision, and maintenance and 25 operations supervision. Other classified staff includes all other 26 27 noncertificated positions, including all other office, clerical, or 28 support personnel.

(6) Beginning with the 2018-19 school year, state allocations for 29 30 salaries for certificated instructional staff, certificated 31 administrative staff, and classified staff must be adjusted for 32 regional differences in the cost of hiring staff. Adjustments for regional differences must be specified in the omnibus appropriations 33 34 act for each school year through at least school year 2022-23. For school years 2018-19 through school year 2022-23, the school district 35 regionalization factors are based on the median 36 single-family 37 residential value of each school district and proximate school district median single-family residential value as described in RCW 38 39 28A.150.412.

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1 (((10))) (7) Beginning with the 2023-24 school year and every 2 four years thereafter, the minimum state salary allocations and 3 school district regionalization factors for certificated 4 instructional staff, certificated administrative staff, and 5 classified staff must be reviewed and rebased, as provided under RCW 6 28A.150.412, to ensure that state salary allocations continue to 7 align with staffing costs for the state's program of basic education. 8 (((11))) (8) For the purposes of this section, "inflation" has

8 ((<del>(11)</del>)) <u>(8)</u> For the purposes of this section, "inflation" has 9 the meaning provided in RCW 28A.400.205 for "inflationary adjustment 10 index."

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