
HOUSE BILL 1746

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By Representatives Springer, Rude, Simmons, Waters, Doglio, and Rule

1 AN ACT Relating to local effort assistance for public schools;
2 amending RCW 28A.500.015; and creating a new section.

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

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

6 (1) Beginning in calendar year 2020 and each calendar year
7 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 dollar and fifty cents~~) \$1.50 per
12 (~~thousand dollars~~) \$1,000 of assessed value in the school district,
13 the 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 dollar and fifty cents~~) \$1.50 per (~~thousand dollars~~) \$1,000
17 of 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 dollar and fifty~~
20 ~~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, 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 thousand five hundred fifty dollars~~)
10 \$2,000 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) Beginning in calendar year 2025, for charter schools
14 established under chapter 28A.710 RCW, the annual local effort
15 assistance funding is equal to the actual enrichment levy per student
16 as calculated by the superintendent of public instruction for the
17 previous year for the school district in which the charter school is
18 located, up to a maximum per student amount of \$2,000 as increased by
19 inflation from the 2019 calendar year, multiplied by the student
20 enrollment of the charter school in the prior school year.

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

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

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

33 (b) For the purpose of this section, "inflation" means, for any
34 school year, the rate of the yearly increase of the previous calendar
35 year's annual average consumer price index for all urban consumers,
36 Seattle area, using the official current base compiled by the bureau
37 of labor statistics, United States department of labor.

38 (c) "Maximum local effort assistance" means the difference
39 between the following:

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

3 (ii) The amount generated by a levy of (~~one dollar and fifty~~
4 ~~cents~~) \$1.50 per (~~thousand dollars~~) \$1,000 of assessed value in
5 the school district.

6 (d) "Prior school year" means the most recent school year
7 completed prior to the year in which the state local effort
8 assistance funding is to be distributed(~~, except as follows:~~

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

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

17 (e) "State local effort assistance threshold" means (~~one~~
18 ~~thousand five hundred fifty dollars~~) \$2,000 per student, increased
19 for inflation beginning in calendar year 2020.

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

22 (5) 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 (6) 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 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Section 1, chapter . . ., Laws of 2025
32 (section 1 of this act) applies to local effort assistance payments
33 in calendar year 2025 and thereafter. The state must provide full
34 2025 calendar year local effort assistance funding to eligible school
35 districts, tribal, and charter schools based on the formulas provided
36 in section 1, chapter . . ., Laws of 2025 (section 1 of this act). If
37 local effort assistance distributions for the 2025 calendar year
38 under RCW 28A.500.040 begin prior to the effective date of this
39 section, then the first month following the effective date of this

1 section must include any additional amounts provided under section 1,
2 chapter . . ., Laws of 2025 (section 1 of this act) through that
3 month based on the schedule prescribed in RCW 28A.500.040.

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