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AN ACT Relating to equalizing school district salary allocations; amending RCW 84.52.0531 and 84.52.0531; adding new sections to chapter 28A.150 RCW; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

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

6 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 28A.150 7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) Beginning with the 2008-09 school year, the legislature intends 9 to begin a five-year process to equalize the salary allocations to 10 school districts for state-funded staff pursuant to state basic 11 education appropriation sections of the biennial budget. By the 2012-12 13 school year, the salary allocation amounts received by school 13 districts for certificated instructional staff, classified staff, and 14 certificated administrative staff shall be the same.

15 (2) To fulfill the obligation in this section, the salary 16 allocations to school districts shall be adjusted on the schedule in 17 this subsection.

(a) In the 2008-2009 school year, each school district that in the
 2007-08 school year is receiving a base salary allocation for

1 certificated instructional staff that is below the highest base salary 2 allocation for certificated instructional staff according to LEAP 3 Document 12E referenced in the 2007-2009 biennial budget shall receive 4 an additional allocation sufficient to make up one-fifth of the 5 difference between that districts' level and the highest level.

(b) In the 2008-09 school year, each school district that in the 6 7 2007-08 school year is receiving a salary allocation for classified staff or a salary allocation for certificated administrative staff that 8 is below the highest salary allocation for classified staff or 9 certificated administrative staff according to LEAP Document 12E 10 referenced in the 2007-2009 biennial budget shall receive an additional 11 12 allocation sufficient to make up one-fifth of the difference between that districts' level and the highest level. 13

14 (c) In each year thereafter, an additional one-fifth, as determined 15 in (a) and (b) of this subsection shall continue to be added to the 16 salary allocations until all school districts reach the highest 17 allocation in all salary allocation categories in the 2012-13 school 18 year.

19 Sec. 2. RCW 84.52.0531 and 2006 c 119 s 2 are each amended to read 20 as follows:

The maximum dollar amount which may be levied by or for any school district for maintenance and operation support under the provisions of RCW 84.52.053 shall be determined as follows:

(1) For excess levies for collection in calendar year 1997, the
 maximum dollar amount shall be calculated pursuant to the laws and
 rules in effect in November 1996.

(2) For excess levies for collection in calendar year 1998 and
thereafter, the maximum dollar amount shall be the sum of (a) plus or
minus (b) and (c) of this subsection minus (d) of this subsection:

(a) The district's levy base as defined in subsections (3) ((and)),
(4), and (5) of this section multiplied by the district's maximum levy
percentage as defined in subsection (((5))) (6) of this section;

33 (b) For districts in a high/nonhigh relationship, the high school 34 district's maximum levy amount shall be reduced and the nonhigh school 35 district's maximum levy amount shall be increased by an amount equal to 36 the estimated amount of the nonhigh payment due to the high school 1 district under RCW 28A.545.030(3) and 28A.545.050 for the school year 2 commencing the year of the levy;

3 (c) For districts in an interdistrict cooperative agreement, the 4 nonresident school district's maximum levy amount shall be reduced and 5 the resident school district's maximum levy amount shall be increased 6 by an amount equal to the per pupil basic education allocation included 7 in the nonresident district's levy base under subsection (3) of this 8 section multiplied by:

9 (i) The number of full-time equivalent students served from the 10 resident district in the prior school year; multiplied by:

11 (ii) The serving district's maximum levy percentage determined 12 under subsection $\left(\left(\frac{(5)}{5}\right)\right)$ (6) of this section; increased by:

13 (iii) The percent increase per full-time equivalent student as 14 stated in the state basic education appropriation section of the 15 biennial budget between the prior school year and the current school 16 year divided by fifty-five percent;

17 (d) The district's maximum levy amount shall be reduced by the 18 maximum amount of state matching funds for which the district is 19 eligible under RCW 28A.500.010.

(3) For excess levies for collection in calendar year 2005 and 20 21 thereafter, a district's levy base shall be the sum of allocations in 22 (a) through (c) of this subsection received by the district for the prior school year and the amounts determined under subsection (4) of 23 24 this section, including allocations for compensation increases, plus 25 the sum of such allocations multiplied by the percent increase per full time equivalent student as stated in the state basic education 26 27 appropriation section of the biennial budget between the prior school year and the current school year and divided by fifty-five percent. A 28 district's levy base shall not include local school district property 29 tax levies or other local revenues, or state and federal allocations 30 not identified in (a) through (c) of this subsection. 31

32 (a) The district's basic education allocation as determined
 33 pursuant to RCW 28A.150.250, 28A.150.260, and 28A.150.350;

34 (b) State and federal categorical allocations for the following 35 programs:

- 36 (i) Pupil transportation;
- 37 (ii) Special education;
- 38 (iii) Education of highly capable students;

(iv) Compensatory education, including but not limited to learning
 assistance, migrant education, Indian education, refugee programs, and
 bilingual education;

4 (v) Food services; and

5 (vi) Statewide block grant programs; and

6 (c) Any other federal allocations for elementary and secondary 7 school programs, including direct grants, other than federal impact aid 8 funds and allocations in lieu of taxes.

9 (4) For levy collections in calendar years 2005 through 2011, in 10 addition to the allocations included under subsection (3)(a) through 11 (c) of this section, a district's levy base shall also include the 12 following:

13 (a) The difference between the allocation the district would have 14 received in the current school year had RCW 84.52.068 not been amended by chapter 19, Laws of 2003 1st sp. sess. and the allocation the 15 16 district received in the current school year pursuant to RCW 84.52.068. 17 The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall offset the amount added to a district's levy base pursuant to this subsection 18 (4)(a) by any additional per student allocations included in a 19 district's levy base pursuant to the enactment of an initiative to the 20 21 people subsequent to June 10, 2004; and

22 (b) The difference between the allocations the district would have received the prior school year had RCW 28A.400.205 not been amended by 23 24 chapter 20, Laws of 2003 1st sp. sess. and the allocations the district 25 actually received the prior school year pursuant to RCW 28A.400.205. The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall offset the 26 27 amount added to a district's levy base pursuant to this subsection (4)(b) by any additional salary increase allocations included in a 28 district's levy base pursuant to the enactment of an initiative to the 29 people subsequent to June 10, 2004. 30

31 (5) For levy collections in calendar years 2009 through 2013, in addition to the allocations included under subsections (3)(a) through 32 (c) and (4) of this section, a district's levy base shall also include 33 the difference between the salary allocations received in the prior 34 school year and salary allocation amounts that would have been received 35 if the provisions of section 1 of this act had been in effect for each 36 37 respective school year, reduced by the additional allocations actually received pursuant to section 1 of this act. 38

1 (6) A district's maximum levy percentage shall be twenty-two 2 percent in 1998 and twenty-four percent in 1999 and every year 3 thereafter; plus, for qualifying districts, the grandfathered 4 percentage determined as follows:

5 (a) For 1997, the difference between the district's 1993 maximum 6 levy percentage and twenty percent; and

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(b) For 1998 and thereafter, the percentage calculated as follows:

8 (i) Multiply the grandfathered percentage for the prior year times 9 the district's levy base determined under subsection (3) of this 10 section;

11 (ii) Reduce the result of (b)(i) of this subsection by any levy 12 reduction funds as defined in subsection ((+6+)) (7) of this section 13 that are to be allocated to the district for the current school year;

14 (iii) Divide the result of (b)(ii) of this subsection by the 15 district's levy base; and

16 (iv) Take the greater of zero or the percentage calculated in 17 (b)(iii) of this subsection.

(((6))) <u>(7)</u> "Levy reduction funds" shall mean increases in state 18 19 funds from the prior school year for programs included under subsections (3) and (4) of this section: (a) That are not attributable 20 21 enrollment changes, compensation increases, or inflationary to 22 adjustments; and (b) that are or were specifically identified as levy reduction funds in the appropriations act. If levy reduction funds are 23 24 dependent on formula factors which would not be finalized until after 25 the start of the current school year, the superintendent of public instruction shall estimate the total amount of levy reduction funds by 26 27 using prior school year data in place of current school year data. Levy reduction funds shall not include moneys received by school 28 districts from cities or counties. 29

30 (((7))) <u>(8)</u> For the purposes of this section, "prior school year" 31 means the most recent school year completed prior to the year in which 32 the levies are to be collected.

33 (((+8))) (9) For the purposes of this section, "current school year" 34 means the year immediately following the prior school year.

35 (((9))) <u>(10)</u> Funds collected from transportation vehicle fund tax 36 levies shall not be subject to the levy limitations in this section.

37 ((((10)))) (11) The superintendent of public instruction shall

develop rules and regulations and inform school districts of the
 pertinent data necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

3 **Sec. 3.** RCW 84.52.0531 and 1997 c 259 s 2 are each amended to read 4 as follows:

5 The maximum dollar amount which may be levied by or for any school 6 district for maintenance and operation support under the provisions of 7 RCW 84.52.053 shall be determined as follows:

8 (1) For excess levies for collection in calendar year 1997, the 9 maximum dollar amount shall be calculated pursuant to the laws and 10 rules in effect in November 1996.

11 (2) For excess levies for collection in calendar year 1998 and 12 thereafter, the maximum dollar amount shall be the sum of (a) plus or 13 minus (b) and (c) of this subsection minus (d) of this subsection:

14 (a) The district's levy base as defined in subsection (3) of this 15 section multiplied by the district's maximum levy percentage as defined 16 in subsection ((++)) (5) of this section;

(b) For districts in a high/nonhigh relationship, the high school district's maximum levy amount shall be reduced and the nonhigh school district's maximum levy amount shall be increased by an amount equal to the estimated amount of the nonhigh payment due to the high school district under RCW 28A.545.030(3) and 28A.545.050 for the school year commencing the year of the levy;

(c) For districts in an interdistrict cooperative agreement, the nonresident school district's maximum levy amount shall be reduced and the resident school district's maximum levy amount shall be increased by an amount equal to the per pupil basic education allocation included in the nonresident district's levy base under subsection (3) of this section multiplied by:

(i) The number of full-time equivalent students served from the resident district in the prior school year; multiplied by:

31 (ii) The serving district's maximum levy percentage determined 32 under subsection (((++))) (5) of this section; increased by:

33 (iii) The percent increase per full-time equivalent student as 34 stated in the state basic education appropriation section of the 35 biennial budget between the prior school year and the current school 36 year divided by fifty-five percent;

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1 (d) The district's maximum levy amount shall be reduced by the 2 maximum amount of state matching funds for which the district is 3 eligible under RCW 28A.500.010.

(3) For excess levies for collection in calendar year 1998 and 4 thereafter, a district's levy base shall be the sum of allocations in 5 (a) through (c) of this subsection received by the district for the 6 7 prior school year, including allocations for compensation increases, plus the sum of such allocations multiplied by the percent increase per 8 full time equivalent student as stated in the state basic education 9 10 appropriation section of the biennial budget between the prior school year and the current school year and divided by fifty-five percent. A 11 district's levy base shall not include local school district property 12 13 tax levies or other local revenues, or state and federal allocations not identified in (a) through (c) of this subsection. 14

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26 (vi) Statewide block grant programs; and

(c) Any other federal allocations for elementary and secondary
 school programs, including direct grants, other than federal impact aid
 funds and allocations in lieu of taxes.

(4) For <u>levy collections</u> in calendar years 2009 through 2013, in 30 addition to the allocations included under subsections (3)(a) through 31 (c) and (4) of this section, a district's levy base shall also include 32 the difference between the salary allocations received in the prior 33 school year and salary allocation amounts that would have been received 34 if the provisions of section 1 of this act had been in effect for each 35 36 respective school year, reduced by the additional allocations actually 37 received pursuant to section 1 of this act.

1 (5) A district's maximum levy percentage shall be twenty-two 2 percent in 1998 and twenty-four percent in 1999 and every year 3 thereafter; plus, for qualifying districts, the grandfathered 4 percentage determined as follows:

5 (a) For 1997, the difference between the district's 1993 maximum 6 levy percentage and twenty percent; and

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(b) For 1998 and thereafter, the percentage calculated as follows:

8 (i) Multiply the grandfathered percentage for the prior year times 9 the district's levy base determined under subsection (3) of this 10 section;

(ii) Reduce the result of (b)(i) of this subsection by any levy reduction funds as defined in subsection ((5))) <u>(6)</u> of this section that are to be allocated to the district for the current school year;

14 (iii) Divide the result of (b)(ii) of this subsection by the 15 district's levy base; and

16 (iv) Take the greater of zero or the percentage calculated in 17 (b)(iii) of this subsection.

((((5))) <u>(6)</u> "Levy reduction funds" shall mean increases in state 18 funds from the prior school year for programs included under subsection 19 (3) of this section: (a) That are not attributable to enrollment 20 21 changes, compensation increases, or inflationary adjustments; and (b) 22 that are or were specifically identified as levy reduction funds in the appropriations act. If levy reduction funds are dependent on formula 23 24 factors which would not be finalized until after the start of the 25 current school year, the superintendent of public instruction shall estimate the total amount of levy reduction funds by using prior school 26 27 year data in place of current school year data. Levy reduction funds shall not include moneys received by school districts from cities or 28 29 counties.

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rules and regulations and inform school districts of the pertinent data
 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

3 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 28A.150
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 Every school district on an annual basis must provide the office of 6 the superintendent of public instruction with a report outlining the 7 total compensation and taxable benefits it pays to each individual 8 staff member it employs. The report must include the following:

9 (1) The total salary and compensation from supplemental contracts, 10 and any additional salary compensation, including, but not limited to, 11 payment for coaching, payment for helping with extracurricular 12 activities, or payment for working with before or after school 13 programs, paid to each individual staff member by the school district 14 and reported on the employee's federal W2 forms;

15 (2) Any taxable benefits provided to the individual staff member; 16 and

17 (3) The staff member's job title and a brief description of those18 payments made to the staff member above his or her base salary.

19 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 5. Section 2 of this act expires January 1, 20 2012.

21 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 6. Section 3 of this act takes effect January 22 1, 2012.

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