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## SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6674

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By Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe and Tom)

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- ACT Relating to authorizing certain school districts and 1 2 educational service districts to designate a district treasurer; 3 amending RCW 28A.320.300, 28A.320.310, 28A.320.320, 28A.510.270, 28A.310.370, 28A.310.410, 28A.160.130, 28A.220.040, 4 28A.320.080, 5 28A.323.100, 28A.325.030, 28A.330.080, 28A.350.010, 28A.350.050, 28A.410.060, 28A.530.030, 28A.530.050, and 28A.535.060; adding a new 6 7 section to chapter 28A.320 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.310 RCW. 8
- 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 28A.320 RCW to read as follows:
- (1) The board of directors of a school district under this section 12 may designate by resolution the district, an educational service 13 district agreeing to serve this function, or some other person having 14 15 experience in financial or fiscal matters to act as the district treasurer, including another school district through an agreement under 16 chapter 39.34 RCW. A district treasurer designated under this section 17 shall act with the same powers and under the same restrictions as 18 19 provided by law for a county treasurer acting as ex officio treasurer

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of a school district. A district treasurer shall be bonded in an amount and under the terms and conditions that the board of directors finds will protect the district against loss, but for not less than twenty-five thousand dollars.

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- (2) A school district that acts as its own treasurer under this section may by resolution adopt a policy for the payment of claims or 7 other obligations of the school district, which are payable out of solvent funds, electing to pay such obligations by warrant or by check. However, when the applicable fund is not solvent at the time payment is ordered, a warrant shall be issued. When checks are to be used, the school district shall designate the qualified public depositary where checks are to be drawn and the officers authorized or required to sign Wherever a reference is made to warrants in this title, the term includes checks where authorized by this section.
  - (3) When deposits and disbursements are made in accordance with this section and RCW 28A.510.270, a district treasurer shall not be liable for a loss resulting from the failure or default of any public depositary without fault or neglect on his or her part or the part of his or her assistants or clerks. When funds are invested in accordance with this section and RCW 28A.320.310 and 28A.320.320 in investments that are legal investments for public funds, a district treasurer shall not be liable for a loss in the value of any such investment made by the district treasurer.
  - (4) The board of directors of a school district that acts as its own treasurer under this section may by resolution adopt a policy providing for protection and indemnification of: (a) The employees, officials, and staff of a school district acting as treasurer; or (b) the employees, officials, and staff of an educational service district serving as a district treasurer on behalf of the school district serving as a district treasurer on behalf of the school district.
- 31 (5) This section applies only to boards of directors of school 32 districts with an annual average full-time equivalent student enrollment of ten thousand or more and located in a county with a 33 population of four hundred thousand or more. 34
- Sec. 2. RCW 28A.320.300 and 1999 c 18 s 1 are each amended to read 35 36 as follows:
- 37 Any common school district board of directors is empowered to

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direct and authorize, and to delegate authority to an employee, 1 2 officer, or agent of the common school district or the educational service district to direct and authorize, the district treasurer or the 3 county treasurer to invest funds described in RCW 28A.320.310 and 4 28A.320.320 and funds from state and federal sources as are then or 5 thereafter received by the educational service district, and such funds 6 7 from county sources as are then or thereafter received by the county treasurer, for distribution to the common school districts. Funds from 8 state, county and federal sources which are so invested may be invested 9 10 only for the period the funds are not required for the immediate necessities of the common school district as determined by the school 11 district board of directors or its delegatee, and shall be invested in 12 13 behalf of the common school district pursuant to the terms of RCW 28A.320.310, 28A.320.320, 36.29.020, 36.29.022, or 36.29.024 as the 14 nature of the funds shall dictate. A grant of authority by a common 15 school district pursuant to this section shall be by resolution of the 16 17 board of directors and shall specify the duration and extent of the authority so granted. Any authority delegated to an educational 18 service district pursuant to this section may be redelegated pursuant 19 to RCW 28A.310.220. 20

## 21 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.320.310 and 1999 c 18 s 2 are each amended to read 22 as follows:

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The board of directors of any school district of the state of Washington which now has, or hereafter shall have, funds in the capital projects fund of the district ((in the office of the county treasurer)) which in the judgment of said board are not required for the immediate necessities of the district, may invest and reinvest all, or any part, of such funds pursuant to RCW 35.39.030, 36.29.020, 36.29.022, 36.29.024, 39.59.020, 39.59.030, ((and)) 43.84.080, and 43.250.040: PROVIDED, That nothing herein authorized, or the type and character of the securities thus specified, shall have in itself the effect of delaying any program of building for which said funds shall have been authorized. Said funds and said securities and the profit and interest thereon, and the proceeds thereof, shall be held by the county treasurer or the district treasurer to the credit and benefit of the capital projects fund of the district ((in the county treasurer's office)).

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1 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.320.320 and 1999 c 18 s 3 are each amended to read 2 as follows:

The county treasurer, or the district treasurer, trustee, guardian, 3 or any other custodian of any school fund, when authorized to do so by 4 5 the board of directors of any school district, shall invest or reinvest any school funds of such district in investment securities pursuant to 6 7 RCW 36.29.020 and 36.29.022. The county treasurer or the district treasurer, shall have the power to select the particular investment in 8 which said funds may be invested. All earnings and income from such 9 investments shall inure to the benefit of any school fund designated by 10 the board of directors of the school district which such board may 11 lawfully designate: PROVIDED, That any interest or earnings being 12 credited to a fund different from that which earned the interest or 13 earnings shall only be expended for instructional supplies, equipment 14 or capital outlay purposes. This section shall apply to all funds 15 16 which may be lawfully so invested or reinvested which in the judgment 17 of the school board are not required for the immediate necessities of the district. 18

Unless the board of directors has designated a district treasurer, five percent of the interest or earnings, with an annual minimum of ten dollars or annual maximum of fifty dollars, on any transactions authorized by each resolution of the board of school directors shall be paid as an investment service fee to the office of county treasurer when the interest or earnings becomes available to the school district or an amount as determined pursuant to RCW 36.29.022 and 36.29.024.

- Sec. 5. RCW 28A.510.270 and 1991 c 245 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) Except as provided in section 1 of this act, the county treasurer of each county of this state shall be ex officio treasurer of the several school districts of their respective counties((, and,)). Except as otherwise provided by law, it shall be the duty of each county treasurer:
- $((\frac{1}{1}))$  (a) To receive and hold all moneys belonging to such school districts, and to pay them only for legally authorized obligations of the district.
- 36  $((\frac{(2)}{2}))$  To prepare and submit to each school district 37 superintendent in the county a written report of the state of the

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finances of such district on the first day of each month, which report shall be submitted not later than the seventh business day of the month, which report shall contain the balance on hand the first of the preceding month, the funds paid in, warrants paid with interest thereon, if any, the number of warrants issued and not paid, and the balance on hand.

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- $((\frac{3}{2}))$  (c) The treasurer of each county shall submit a statement of all canceled warrants of districts to the respective school district superintendents. The canceled warrants of each district shall be preserved separately and shall at all times be open to inspection by the school district superintendent or by any authorized accountant of such district.
- 13 (2) A district treasurer designated under section 1 of this act
  14 shall perform the duties of a county treasurer under this section on
  15 behalf of the school district.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 28A.310 RCW to read as follows:
  - (1) In addition to other powers and duties prescribed by law, every educational service district board shall be authorized to:
  - (a) By resolution, elect to act as its own district treasurer or designate some other person having experience in financial or fiscal matters to serve as the district treasurer; or
  - (b) Upon mutual agreement with a school district, serve as a district treasurer on behalf of the school district as provided in section 1 of this act.
  - (2) An educational service district that acts as its own treasurer or serves as a district treasurer on behalf of a school district or districts as provided in section 1 of this act shall act with the same powers and under the same restrictions as provided by law for a county treasurer acting as ex officio treasurer of a school district or educational service district. A district treasurer under this section shall be bonded in an amount and under the terms and conditions that the board finds will protect the educational service district or school district against loss, but for not less than twenty-five thousand dollars.
- 36 (3) An educational service district that acts as its own treasurer 37 or acts as a district treasurer on behalf of a school district or

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- districts as provided in section 1 of this act may by resolution adopt a policy for the payment of claims or other obligations of the district, which are payable out of solvent funds, electing to pay such obligations by warrant or by check. However, when the applicable fund is not solvent at the time payment is ordered, a warrant shall be issued. When checks are to be used, the educational service district shall designate the qualified public depositary where checks are to be drawn and the officers authorized or required to sign checks. Wherever a reference is made to warrants in this title, the term includes checks where authorized by this section.
  - (4) When deposits and disbursements are made in accordance with this section and RCW 28A.310.410, a district treasurer under this section shall not be liable for a loss resulting from the failure or default of any public depositary without fault or neglect on his or her part or the part of his or her assistants or clerks. When funds are invested in accordance with this section and RCW 28A.320.310 and 28A.320.320 in investments that are legal investments for public funds, a district treasurer shall not be liable for a loss in the value of any such investment made by the district treasurer.
  - (5) The board of directors of an educational service district that acts as its own treasurer or serves as the district treasurer on behalf of a school district or districts may by resolution adopt a policy providing for protection and indemnification of its employees, officials, and staff when undertaking the duties authorized under this section.

## Sec. 7. RCW 28A.310.370 and 1983 c 56 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

The superintendent of public instruction shall examine and revise the biennial budget request of each educational service district and shall fix the amount to be requested in state funds for the educational service district system from the legislature. Once funds have been appropriated by the legislature, the superintendent of public instruction shall fix the annual budget of each educational service district and shall allocate quarterly the state's portion from funds appropriated for that purpose to the <u>district treasurer or the</u> county treasurer of the headquarters county of the educational service

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district for deposit to the credit of the educational service district general expense fund.

In each educational service district, there shall be an educational service district general expense fund into which there shall be deposited such moneys as are allocated by the superintendent of public instruction under provisions of this chapter and other funds of the educational service district, and such moneys shall be expended according to the method used by first or second-class school districts, whichever is deemed most feasible by the educational service district board. No vouchers for warrants other than moneys being distributed to the school districts shall be approved for expenditures not budgeted by the educational service district board.

**Sec. 8.** RCW 28A.310.410 and 1990 c 33 s 289 are each amended to 14 read as follows:

Except as provided in section 6 of this act, the county treasurer of the county in which the headquarters office of the educational service district is located shall serve as the ex officio treasurer of the district. The county treasurer or district treasurer shall keep all funds and moneys of the district separate and apart from all other funds and moneys in the treasurer's custody and shall disburse such moneys only upon proper order of the educational service district board or superintendent.

- Sec. 9. RCW 28A.160.130 and 1991 c 114 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:
  - (1) There is created a fund on deposit with each county treasurer for each school district of the county or the district treasurer, which shall be known as the transportation vehicle fund. Money to be deposited into the transportation vehicle fund shall include, but is not limited to, the following:
- 30 (a) The balance of accounts held in the general fund of each school 31 district for the purchase of approved transportation equipment and for 32 major transportation equipment repairs under RCW 28A.150.280. The 33 amount transferred shall be the balance of the account as of September 34 1, 1982;
- 35 (b) Reimbursement payments provided for in RCW 28A.160.200 except

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- those provided under RCW 28A.160.200(((4+)))(3) that are necessary for contracted payments to private carriers;
- 3 (c) Earnings from transportation vehicle fund investments as 4 authorized in RCW 28A.320.300; and

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- (d) The district's share of the proceeds from the sale of transportation vehicles, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction.
- 8 (2) Funds in the transportation vehicle fund may be used for the following purposes:
- 10 (a) Purchase of pupil transportation vehicles pursuant to RCW 11 28A.160.200 and 28A.150.280;
- 12 (b) Payment of conditional sales contracts as authorized in RCW 28A.335.200 or payment of obligations authorized in RCW 28A.530.080, entered into or issued for the purpose of pupil transportation vehicles;
  - (c) Major repairs to pupil transportation vehicles.

The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules which shall establish the standards, conditions, and procedures governing the establishment and use of the transportation vehicle fund. The rules shall not permit the transfer of funds from the transportation vehicle fund to any other fund of the district.

- 22 **Sec. 10.** RCW 28A.220.040 and 2000 c 115 s 10 are each amended to 23 read as follows:
  - (1) Each school district shall be reimbursed from funds appropriated for traffic safety education.
  - (a) The state superintendent shall determine the per-pupil reimbursement amount for the traffic safety education course to be funded by the state. Each school district offering an approved standard traffic safety education course shall be reimbursed or granted an amount up to the level established by the superintendent of public instruction as may be appropriated.
  - (b) The state superintendent may provide per-pupil reimbursements to school districts only where all the traffic educators have satisfied the continuing education requirement of RCW 28A.220.030(4).
- 35 (2) The board of directors of any school district or combination of 36 school districts may establish a traffic safety education fee, which 37 fee when imposed shall be required to be paid by any duly enrolled

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- 1 student in any such school district prior to or while enrolled in a
- 2 traffic safety education course. Traffic safety education fees
- 3 collected by a school district shall be deposited with the county
- 4 treasurer or district treasurer to the credit of such school district,
- 5 to be used to pay costs of the traffic safety education course.

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- 6 **Sec. 11.** RCW 28A.320.080 and 1995 c 77 s 21 are each amended to 7 read as follows:
- 8 Every board of directors, unless otherwise specifically provided by 9 law, shall:
  - (1) Provide for the expenditure of a reasonable amount for suitable commencement exercises;
    - (2) In addition to providing free instruction in lip reading for children disabled by defective hearing, make arrangements for free instruction in lip reading to adults disabled by defective hearing whenever in its judgment such instruction appears to be in the best interests of the school district and adults concerned;
    - (3) Join with boards of directors of other school districts or an educational service district pursuant to RCW 28A.310.180(3), or both such school districts and educational service district in buying supplies, equipment and services by establishing and maintaining a joint purchasing agency, or otherwise, when deemed for the best interests of the district, any joint agency formed hereunder being herewith authorized and empowered to issue interest bearing warrants in payment of any obligation owed: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That those agencies issuing interest bearing warrants shall assign accounts receivable in an amount equal to the amount of the outstanding interest bearing warrants to the county treasurer or district treasurer issuing such interest bearing warrants: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the joint purchasing agency shall consider the request of any one or more private schools requesting the agency to jointly buy supplies, equipment, and services including but not limited to school bus maintenance services, and, after considering such request, may cooperate with and jointly make purchases with private schools of supplies, equipment, and services, including but not limited to school bus maintenance services, so long as such private schools pay in advance their proportionate share of the costs or provide a surety bond to cover their proportionate share of the costs involved in such purchases;

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(4) Consider the request of any one or more private schools requesting the board to jointly buy supplies, equipment and services including but not limited to school bus maintenance services, and, after considering such request, may provide such joint purchasing services: PROVIDED, That such private schools pay in advance their proportionate share of the costs or provide a surety bond to cover their proportionate share of the costs involved in such purchases; and (5) Prepare budgets as provided for in chapter 28A.505 RCW.

**Sec. 12.** RCW 28A.323.100 and 1994 c 301 s 3 are each amended to 10 read as follows:

Upon receipt of the aforesaid certificate, it shall be the duty of the county legislative authority of each county to levy on all taxable property of that part of the joint school district which lies within the county a tax sufficient to raise the amount necessary to meet the county's proportionate share of the estimated expenditures of the joint district, as shown by the certificate of the educational service district superintendent of the district to which the joint school district belongs. Such taxes shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other taxes are levied and collected, and the proceeds thereof shall be forwarded monthly by the treasurer of each county, other than the county to which the joint district belongs, to the treasurer of the county to which such district belongs and shall be placed to the credit of said district. The treasurer of the county to which a joint school district belongs is hereby declared to be the treasurer of such district, except as provided in section 1 of this <u>act</u>.

- **Sec. 13.** RCW 28A.325.030 and 2000 c 157 s 2 are each amended to 28 read as follows:
  - (1)(a) There is hereby created a fund on deposit with each <u>district</u> treasurer or county treasurer for each school district of the county having an associated student body as defined in RCW 28A.325.020. Such fund shall be known as the associated student body program fund. Rules adopted by the superintendent of public instruction under RCW 28A.325.020 shall require separate accounting for each associated student body's transactions in the school district's associated student body program fund.

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(b) All moneys generated through the programs and activities of any associated student body shall be deposited in the associated student body program fund. Such funds may be invested for the sole benefit of the associated student body program fund in items enumerated in RCW 28A.320.320 and the county treasurer may assess a fee as provided therein. Disbursements from such fund shall be under the control and supervision, and with the approval, of the board of directors of the school district, and shall be by warrant as provided in chapter 28A.350 RCW: PROVIDED, That in no case shall such warrants be issued in an amount greater than the funds on deposit with the ((county)) treasurer in the associated student body program fund. To facilitate the payment of obligations, an imprest bank account or accounts may be created and replenished from the associated student body program fund.

- (c) The associated student body program fund shall be budgeted by the associated student body, subject to approval by the board of directors of the school district. All disbursements from the associated student body program fund or any imprest bank account established thereunder shall have the prior approval of the appropriate governing body representing the associated student body. Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 43.09.210, it shall not be mandatory that expenditures from the district's general fund in support of associated student body programs and activities be reimbursed by payments from the associated student body program fund.
- (2) Subject to applicable school board policies, student groups may conduct fund-raising activities, including but not limited soliciting donations, in their private capacities for the purpose of generating nonassociated student body fund moneys. The school board policy shall include provisions to ensure appropriate accountability Nonassociated student body program fund moneys for these funds. generated and received by students for private purposes to use for scholarship, student exchange, and/or charitable purposes shall be held in trust in one or more separate accounts within an associated student body program fund and be disbursed for such purposes as the student group conducting the fund-raising activity shall determine: PROVIDED, That the school district shall either withhold an amount from such moneys as will pay the district for its direct costs in providing the service or otherwise be compensated for its cost for such service. Nonassociated student body program fund moneys shall not be deemed

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- 1 public moneys under section 7, Article VIII of the state Constitution.
- 2 Notice shall be given identifying the intended use of the proceeds.
- 3 The notice shall also state that the proceeds are nonassociated student
- 4 body funds to be held in trust by the school district exclusively for
- 5 the intended purpose. "Charitable purpose" under this section does not
- 6 include any activity related to assisting a campaign for election of a
- 7 person to an office or for the promotion or opposition to a ballot
- 8 proposition.
- 9 **Sec. 14.** RCW 28A.330.080 and 1990 c 33 s 346 are each amended to read as follows:
- Moneys of such school districts shall be paid out only upon orders 11 for warrants signed by the president, or a majority of the board of 12 directors and countersigned by the secretary: PROVIDED, That when, in 13 the judgment of the board of directors, the orders for warrants issued 14 by the district monthly shall have reached such numbers that the 15 16 signing of each warrant by the president personally imposes too great 17 a task on the president, the board of directors, after auditing all payrolls and bills as provided by RCW 28A.330.090, may authorize the 18 issuing of one general certificate to the county treasurer or district 19 20 treasurer, to be signed by the president, authorizing said treasurer to 21 pay all the warrants specified by date, number, name and amount, and 22 the funds on which said warrants shall be drawn; thereupon the 23 secretary of said board shall be authorized to draw and sign said 24 orders for warrants.
- 25 **Sec. 15.** RCW 28A.350.010 and 1990 c 33 s 373 are each amended to 26 read as follows:
- Except as provided in section 1 of this act, the county auditor
  shall register in the auditor's own office, and present to the
  treasurer for registration in the office of the county treasurer, all
  warrants of first-class districts, and all warrants of second-class
  districts electing to draw and issue their own warrants under RCW
  28A.330.230 received from school district superintendents or district
  secretaries before delivery of the same to claimants.
- 34 **Sec. 16.** RCW 28A.350.050 and 1973 c 72 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

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No warrant shall be drawn and issued or registered by the county auditor or district treasurer for the payment of any teacher who is not qualified within the meaning of the law of this state.

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**Sec. 17.** RCW 28A.410.060 and 2005 c 497 s 206 are each amended to read as follows:

The fee for any certificate, or any renewal thereof, issued by the authority of the state of Washington, and authorizing the holder to teach or perform other professional duties in the public schools of the state shall be not less than one dollar or such reasonable fee therefor as the Washington professional educator standards board by rule shall deem necessary therefor. The fee must accompany the application and cannot be refunded unless the application is withdrawn before it is finally considered. The educational service district superintendent, or other official authorized to receive such fee, shall within thirty days transmit the same to the <u>district treasurer or</u> treasurer of the county in which the office of the educational service district superintendent is located, to be by him or her placed to the credit of said school district or educational service district: PROVIDED, That if any school district collecting fees for the certification of professional staff does not hold a professional training institute separate from the educational service district then all such moneys shall be placed to the credit of the educational service district.

Such fees shall be used solely for the purpose of precertification professional preparation, program evaluation, and professional inservice training programs in accord with rules of the Washington professional educator standards board herein authorized.

- 27 **Sec. 18.** RCW 28A.530.030 and 1984 c 186 s 12 are each amended to 28 read as follows:
- When the bonds have been sold, the county treasurer <u>or district</u>
  treasurer shall place the money derived from such sale to the credit of
  the capital projects fund of the district, and such fund is hereby
  created.
- 33 **Sec. 19.** RCW 28A.530.050 and 1990 c 33 s 479 are each amended to read as follows:
- 35 Every holder of any of the bonds so issued as a bearer bond as

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provided in this chapter, within ten days after the owner becomes the 1 owner or holder thereof, shall notify the <u>district treasurer or</u> county 2 treasurer of the county in which such bonds are issued of his or her 3 ownership, together with his or her full name and post office address, 4 5 and the ((county)) treasurer ((of said county)) shall deposit in the post office, properly stamped and addressed to each owner of any such 6 7 bonds subject to redemption or payment, a notice in like form, stating the time and place of the redemption of such bonds and the number of 8 9 the bonds to be redeemed, and in case any owners of bonds shall fail to 10 notify the treasurer of their ownership as aforesaid, then a notice mailed to the last holder of such bonds shall be deemed sufficient, and 11 12 any and all such notices so mailed as aforesaid shall be deemed to be 13 personal notice to the holders of such bonds, and at the expiration of 14 the time therein named shall have the force to suspend the interest 15 upon any such bonds.

Sec. 20. RCW 28A.535.060 and 1990 c 33 s 483 are each amended to read as follows:

If bonds issued under this chapter are not sold as herein provided, the owners of unpaid warrants drawn on the county treasurer or district treasurer by such district for an indebtedness existing at the time of the adoption of the resolution mentioned in RCW 28A.535.020, may exchange said warrants at the face value thereof and accrued interest thereon for bonds issued under this chapter, at not less than par value and accrued interest of such bonds at the time of the exchange; such exchange to be made under such regulations as may be provided by the board of directors of such district.

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