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1            AN ACT Relating to public transparency for the prototypical school  
2 funding model; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; and  
3 creating a new section.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    In establishing the prototypical school  
6 funding model in chapter 548, Laws of 2009, the legislature intended  
7 that the new model would provide a transparent funding system so that  
8 policymakers, educators, and taxpayers could better understand how the  
9 state supports basic education.    To facilitate that goal, the  
10 legislature intends to establish a standardized portal through which  
11 the public is provided ready access to this model as it applies to  
12 their local schools.

13            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 28A.300  
14 RCW to read as follows:

15            The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
16 implement and maintain an internet-based portal that provides ready  
17 public access to the state's prototypical school funding model for  
18 basic education under RCW 28A.150.260.    The portal must provide

1 citizens the opportunity to view, for each local school building, the  
2 staffing levels and other prototypical school funding elements that are  
3 assumed under the state funding formula. The portal must also provide  
4 a matrix displaying how individual school districts are deploying those  
5 same state resources through their allocation of staff and other  
6 resources to school buildings, so that citizens are able to compare the  
7 state assumptions to district allocation decisions for each local  
8 school building.

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