

**HB 2776-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Continues implementation of chapter 548, Laws of 2009, by adopting the technical details of a new distribution formula for the instructional program of basic education and authorizing a phase-in of implementation of a new distribution formula for pupil transportation.

Continues to review and revise the formulas and makes revisions as necessary for technical purposes and consistency in the event of mathematical or other technical errors.

Begins phasing-in enhancements to the baseline funding levels.

Adjusts the timelines for other working groups.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to implement and maintain an internet-based portal that provides ready public access to the state's prototypical school funding model for basic education.

Changes the composition of the quality education council.

VETO MESSAGE ON SHB 2776

March 29, 2010

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,  
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 11, Substitute House Bill 2776 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to funding distribution formulas  
for K-12 education."

Section 11 amends RCW 28.175.010 to add the requirement that the Washington State Institute for Public Policy annually calculate savings to taxpayers resulting from improved graduation rates. Since this provision is also contained in Senate Bill 6403 which I am also signing today, I am vetoing Section 11 in order to avoid a double amendment regarding the same subject.

For this reason, I have vetoed Section 11 of Substitute House Bill 2776.

With the exception of Section 11, Substitute House Bill 2776 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Gregoire  
Governor