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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5477**

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**By** Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice, McDonald and Skratek)

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1 AN ACT Relating to school levies; and amending RCW 84.52.0531.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.52.0531 and 1992 c 49 s 1 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 1992, the  
9 maximum dollar amount shall be calculated pursuant to the laws and  
10 rules in effect in November 1991.

11 (2) For the purpose of this section, the basic education allocation  
12 shall be determined pursuant to RCW 28A.150.250, 28A.150.260, and  
13 28A.150.350: PROVIDED, That when determining the basic education  
14 allocation under subsection (4) of this section, nonresident full time  
15 equivalent pupils who are participating in a program provided for in  
16 chapter 28A.545 RCW or in any other program pursuant to an  
17 interdistrict agreement shall be included in the enrollment of the  
18 resident district and excluded from the enrollment of the serving  
19 district.

1 (3) For excess levies for collection in calendar year 1993 and  
2 thereafter, the maximum dollar amount shall be the sum of (a) and (b)  
3 of this subsection minus (c) of this subsection:

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

7 (b) In the case of nonhigh school districts only, an amount equal  
8 to the total estimated amount due by the nonhigh school district to  
9 high school districts pursuant to chapter 28A.545 RCW for the school  
10 year during which collection of the levy is to commence, less the  
11 increase in the nonhigh school district's basic education allocation as  
12 computed pursuant to subsection (1) of this section due to the  
13 inclusion of pupils participating in a program provided for in chapter  
14 28A.545 RCW in such computation;

15 (c) The maximum amount of state matching funds under RCW  
16 28A.500.010 for which the district is eligible in that tax collection  
17 year.

18 (4) For excess levies for collection in calendar year 1993 and  
19 thereafter, a district's levy base shall be the sum of allocations in  
20 (a) through (c) of this subsection received by the district for the  
21 prior school year, including allocations for compensation increases,  
22 plus the sum of such allocations multiplied by the percent increase per  
23 full time equivalent student as stated in the state basic education  
24 appropriation section of the biennial budget between the prior school  
25 year and the current school year and divided by fifty-five percent. A  
26 district's levy base shall not include local school district property  
27 tax levies or other local revenues, or state and federal allocations  
28 not identified in (a) through (c) of this subsection.

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

31 (b) State and federal categorical allocations for the following  
32 programs:

33 (i) Pupil transportation;

34 (ii) Handicapped education;

35 (iii) Education of highly capable students;

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

39 (v) Food services; and

1 (vi) State-wide block grant programs; and

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

5 (5) For excess levies for collection in calendar year 1993 and  
6 thereafter, a district's maximum levy percentage shall be determined as  
7 follows:

8 (a) Multiply the district's maximum levy percentage for the prior  
9 year by the district's levy base as determined in subsection (4) of  
10 this section;

11 (b) Reduce the amount in (a) of this subsection by the total  
12 estimated amount of any levy reduction funds as defined in subsection  
13 (6) of this section which are to be allocated to the district for the  
14 current school year;

15 (c) Divide the amount in (b) of this subsection by the district's  
16 levy base to compute a new percentage; and

17 (d) The percentage in (c) of this subsection or twenty percent,  
18 whichever is greater, shall be the district's maximum levy percentage  
19 for levies collected in that calendar year.

20 (e) For levies to be collected in calendar years 1994, 1995, 1996,  
21 and 1997, the maximum levy rate shall be the district's maximum levy  
22 percentage for 1993 plus five percent reduced by any levy reduction  
23 funds. For levies collected in 1998, the prior year shall mean 1993.

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

36 (7) For the purposes of this section, "prior school year" shall  
37 mean the most recent school year completed prior to the year in which  
38 the levies are to be collected.

1           (8) For the purposes of this section, "current school year" shall  
2 mean the year immediately following the prior school year.

3           (9) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop rules  
4 and regulations and inform school districts of the pertinent data  
5 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

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