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1 AN ACT Relating to funding community use of public schools; adding
2 a new section to chapter 84.52 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
3 28A.500 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that neighborhood
6 activity centers create a sense of community that, in turn, deters
7 crime and promotes mutual respect and cooperation.

8 The legislature further finds that public school facilities are
9 well-suited to serve as neighborhood activity centers since schools are
10 often located in the center of neighborhoods. In addition, schools can
11 be used more efficiently and productively if they are readily available
12 for neighborhood activities and services during nonschool hours.

13 The legislature further finds that communities should be afforded
14 the opportunity to fund school facilities in a manner that maximizes
15 use and ensures that education funds are not diverted to nonschool
16 purposes.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 84.52 RCW
18 to read as follows:

1 (1) In addition to the maximum dollar amount that may be levied by
2 any school district for maintenance and operation support under RCW
3 84.52.0531, a supplemental levy for use of school facilities for
4 community activities and services may be authorized by the directors of
5 any school district and approved at a general or special election.

6 (2) Such supplemental levy shall not exceed three percent of the
7 district's levy base as determined by RCW 84.52.0531(4) and may only be
8 used for community activities and services authorized by the school
9 district board of directors.

10 (3) The school board in a school district authorizing a levy under
11 this section shall appoint a citizen advisory committee to advise the
12 district on the appropriate use of facilities for community activities
13 and services and on the expenditure of the supplemental levy funds.

14 (4) Property tax statements issued by city and county treasurers
15 shall clearly indicate that the taxes raised by the approval of the
16 supplemental tax levy are to be used for the community use of school
17 facilities. The tax statement shall have a separate line item for
18 these taxes.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.500
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 Approval of a supplemental levy authorized by section 2 of this act
22 does not entitle a school district to local effort assistance funds as
23 defined by RCW 28A.500.010.

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