
SENATE BILL 6283

State of Washington 55th Legislature 1998 Regular Session

By Senators Hochstatter and Long

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to K-12 public education property tax credits; and
2 adding a new chapter to Title 84 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature is in agreement with
5 founding father Thomas Jefferson's statement, "To compel a man to
6 furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he
7 disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical."

8 The legislature further acknowledges and reaffirms Article I,
9 section 11 of the state Constitution: "Absolute freedom of conscience
10 in all matters of religious sentiment, belief and worship, shall be
11 guaranteed to every individual, and no one shall be molested or
12 disturbed in person or property on account of religion"

13 Therefore, to support these unalienable rights of conscience and
14 beliefs, the legislature hereby provides tax credits for that portion
15 of property taxes designated for K-12 public education for
16 conscientious objectors.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A credit is allowed under this section for
18 taxes paid under this chapter in the following amounts:

1 (1) An amount equal to that portion of the taxpayer's property
2 taxes designated for K-12 public education up to the amount of the
3 taxpayer's contribution to a private school of the taxpayer's choice
4 located within the county of the taxpayer's residence, if:

5 (a) The taxpayer files a notarized statement of conscientious
6 objection with the county treasurer; and

7 (b) The taxpayer provides the county treasurer with written proof
8 of the receipt of the contribution by the school; and

9 (2) If the taxpayer is a parent who through conscientious objection
10 has elected to home school the taxpayer's children, an amount equal to
11 that portion of the taxpayer's property taxes designated for K-12
12 public education up to the amount that taxpayer expended for the
13 education of the taxpayer's children, if:

14 (a) The taxpayer files a notarized statement of conscientious
15 objection with the county treasurer; and

16 (b) The taxpayer submits written receipts to the county treasurer
17 as evidence that the taxpayer expended equal funds for the education of
18 the taxpayer's children.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act applies to property taxes levied
20 for collection in 1999 and thereafter.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act constitute
22 a new chapter in Title 84 RCW.

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