

SENATE BILL 6658

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By Senators Benton, Snyder, Finkbeiner, Zarelli and West

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing funding for common school
2 transportation; amending 1997 c 454 s 503 (uncodified); and amending
3 1997 c 149 s 505 (uncodified).

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

5 Sec. 1. 1997 c 454 s 503 (uncodified) is each amended to read as
6 follows:

7 FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION--FOR SCHOOL EMPLOYEE
8 COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS

9	General Fund Appropriation (FY 1998) \$	79,966,000
10	General Fund Appropriation (FY 1999) \$	((116,310,000))
11			<u>116,547,000</u>
12	TOTAL APPROPRIATION \$	((196,276,000))
13			<u>196,513,000</u>

14 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
15 conditions and limitations:

16 (1) \$((~~176,525,000~~)) 176,757,000 is provided for a cost of living
17 adjustment of 3.0 percent effective September 1, 1997, for state
18 formula staff units. The appropriations include associated incremental

1 fringe benefit allocations at rates of 19.58 percent for certificated
2 staff and 15.15 percent for classified staff.

3 (a) The appropriations in this section include the increased
4 portion of salaries and incremental fringe benefits for all relevant
5 state-funded school programs in part V of this act. Salary adjustments
6 for state employees in the office of superintendent of public
7 instruction and the education reform program are provided in part VII
8 of this act. Increases for general apportionment (basic education) are
9 based on the salary allocation schedules and methodology in section 502
10 of this act. Increases for special education result from increases in
11 each district's basic education allocation per student. Increases for
12 educational service districts and institutional education programs are
13 determined by the superintendent of public instruction using the
14 methodology for general apportionment salaries and benefits in section
15 502 of this act.

16 (b) The appropriations in this section provide salary increase and
17 incremental fringe benefit allocations based on formula adjustments as
18 follows:

19 (i) For pupil transportation, an increase of \$0.60 per weighted
20 pupil-mile for the 1997-98 school year and (~~maintained~~) \$0.66 for the
21 1998-99 school year;

22 (ii) For education of highly capable students, an increase of \$6.81
23 per formula student for the 1997-98 school year and maintained for the
24 1998-99 school year; and

25 (iii) For transitional bilingual education, an increase of \$17.69
26 per eligible bilingual student for the 1997-98 school year and
27 maintained for the 1998-99 school year; and

28 (iv) For learning assistance, an increase of \$8.74 per entitlement
29 unit for the 1997-98 school year and maintained for the 1998-99 school
30 year.

31 (c) The appropriations in this section include \$912,000 for salary
32 increase adjustments for substitute teachers at a rate of \$10.64 per
33 unit in the 1997-98 school year and maintained in the 1998-99 school
34 year.

35 (2) \$19,751,000 is provided for adjustments to insurance benefit
36 allocations. The maintenance rate for insurance benefit allocations is
37 \$314.51 per month for the 1997-98 and 1998-99 school years. The
38 appropriations in this section provide increases of \$2.83 per month for

1 the 1997-98 school year and \$18.41 per month for the 1998-99 school
2 year at the following rates:

3 (a) For pupil transportation, an increase of \$0.03 per weighted
4 pupil-mile for the 1997-98 school year and \$0.19 for the 1998-99 school
5 year;

6 (b) For education of highly capable students, an increase of \$0.20
7 per formula student for the 1997-98 school year and \$1.35 for the 1998-
8 99 school year;

9 (c) For transitional bilingual education, an increase of \$.46 per
10 eligible bilingual student for the 1997-98 school year and \$3.44 for
11 the 1998-99 school year; and

12 (d) For learning assistance, an increase of \$.36 per funded unit
13 for the 1997-98 school year and \$2.70 for the 1998-99 school year.

14 (3) The rates specified in this section are subject to revision
15 each year by the legislature.

16 (4)((+a)) For the 1997-98 school year, the superintendent shall
17 prepare a report showing the allowable derived base salary for
18 certificated instructional staff in accordance with RCW 28A.400.200 and
19 LEAP Document 12D, and the actual derived base salary paid by each
20 school district as shown on the S-275 report and shall make the report
21 available to the fiscal committees of the legislature no later than
22 February 15, 1998.

23 **Sec. 2.** 1997 c 149 s 505 (uncodified) is each amended to read as
24 follows:

25 **FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION--FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION**

26 General Fund Appropriation (FY 1998) \$	174,344,000
27 General Fund Appropriation (FY 1999) \$	((179,560,000))
28		<u>191,952,000</u>
29 TOTAL APPROPRIATION \$	((353,904,000))
30		<u>366,296,000</u>

31 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
32 conditions and limitations:

33 (1) The appropriation for fiscal year 1998 includes such funds as
34 are necessary for the remaining months of the 1996-97 school year.

35 (2) A maximum of \$1,451,000 may be expended for regional
36 transportation coordinators and related activities. The transportation
37 coordinators shall ensure that data submitted by school districts for

1 state transportation funding shall, to the greatest extent practical,
2 reflect the actual transportation activity of each district.

3 (3) \$30,000 of the fiscal year 1998 appropriation and \$40,000 of
4 the fiscal year 1999 appropriation are provided solely for the
5 transportation of students enrolled in "choice" programs.
6 Transportation shall be limited to low-income students who are
7 transferring to "choice" programs solely for educational reasons.

8 (4) Allocations for transportation of students shall be based on
9 reimbursement rates of \$34.47 per weighted mile in the 1997-98 school
10 year and ~~\$(34.76))~~ 37.95 per weighted mile in the 1998-99 school year
11 exclusive of salary and benefit adjustments provided in section 503,
12 chapter 454, Laws of 1997 and section ~~((504))~~ 1 of this act.
13 Allocations for transportation of students transported more than one
14 radius mile shall be based on weighted miles as determined by
15 superintendent of public instruction times the per mile reimbursement
16 rates for the school year pursuant to the formulas adopted by the
17 superintendent of public instruction. Allocations for transportation
18 of students living within one radius mile shall be based on the number
19 of enrolled students in grades kindergarten through five living within
20 one radius mile of their assigned school times the per mile
21 reimbursement rate for the school year times ~~((1.29))~~ 1.42.

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