
HOUSE BILL 2523

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1 AN ACT Relating to the basic education allocation provided to
2 special education students; amending RCW 28A.150.390; and creating new
3 sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds and declares that:

6 (1) Each common school age, special education student generates
7 funding in a district's basic education allocation;

8 (2) Special education funding is provided on an excess cost basis
9 for enhanced services above the basic education allocation; and

10 (3) Every common school age, special education student is
11 considered a basic education student first and should receive their
12 appropriate share of basic education allocations.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.150.390 and 1995 c 77 s 6 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 The superintendent of public instruction shall submit to each
16 regular session of the legislature during an odd-numbered year a
17 programmed budget request for special education programs for students
18 with disabilities. Funding for programs operated by local school

1 districts shall be on an excess cost basis from appropriations provided
2 by the legislature for special education programs for students with
3 disabilities and shall take account of state funds accruing through RCW
4 28A.150.250, 28A.150.260, federal medical assistance and private funds
5 accruing under RCW 74.09.5249 through 74.09.5253 and 74.09.5254 through
6 74.09.5256, and other state and local funds, excluding special excess
7 levies. School districts shall ensure, to the greatest extent
8 possible, that special education students receive their appropriate
9 share of the basic education allocation funds accruing through RCW
10 28A.150.250 and 28A.150.260. To the extent a school district cannot
11 provide an appropriate education for special education students under
12 chapter 28A.155 RCW through the basic education allocation funds, it
13 shall provide services through the special education allocation funded
14 in the omnibus appropriations act.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The superintendent of public instruction
16 shall adopt rules to implement section 2 of this act. These rules
17 shall include accounting requirements to separate basic education and
18 special education expenditures within special education programs,
19 including examples of accepted excess cost accounting methodologies.
20 The excess cost accounting methodologies shall ensure that funding from
21 the basic education allocation is utilized for special education
22 students.

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