
HOUSE BILL 2154

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1 AN ACT Relating to school building rehabilitation or restoration;
2 amending RCW 28A.525.166; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that current state law
5 regarding school construction assistance unfortunately discourages
6 school districts from renovating, rehabilitating, or restoring useful
7 historic school buildings, but rather encourages districts to abandon
8 or raze such buildings, replacing them with new structures. The
9 legislature further finds that historic schools are often the
10 architectural and social centers of neighborhoods and communities,
11 serving as structural reminders of our shared heritage. The state
12 should encourage the preservation, when feasible, of such buildings, so
13 that they may serve future generations as ably as they did past
14 generations.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.525.166 and 1997 c 369 s 9 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 Allocations to school districts of state funds provided by RCW
18 28A.525.160 through 28A.525.182 shall be made by the state board of

1 (3) In addition to the computed percent of state assistance
2 developed in (2) above, a school district shall be entitled to
3 additional percentage points determined by the average percentage of
4 growth for the past three years. One percent shall be added to the
5 computed percent of state assistance for each percent of growth, with
6 a maximum of twenty percent.

7 (4) The approved cost of the project determined in the manner
8 herein prescribed times the percentage of state assistance derived as
9 provided for herein shall be the amount of state assistance to the
10 district for the financing of the project: PROVIDED, That need
11 therefor has been established to the satisfaction of the state board of
12 education: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That additional state assistance may be
13 allowed if it is found by the state board of education that such
14 assistance is necessary in order to meet (a) a school housing emergency
15 resulting from the destruction of a school building by fire, the
16 condemnation of a school building by properly constituted authorities,
17 a sudden excessive and clearly foreseeable future increase in school
18 population, or other conditions similarly emergent in nature; or (b) a
19 special school housing burden resulting from industrial projects of
20 statewide significance or imposed by virtue of the admission of
21 nonresident students into educational programs established, maintained
22 and operated in conformity with the requirements of law; or (c) a
23 deficiency in the capital funds of the district resulting from
24 financing, subsequent to April 1, 1969, and without benefit of the
25 state assistance provided by prior state assistance programs, the
26 construction of a needed school building project or projects approved
27 in conformity with the requirements of such programs, after having
28 first applied for and been denied state assistance because of the
29 inadequacy of state funds available for the purpose, or (d) a condition
30 created by the fact that an excessive number of students live in state
31 owned housing, or (e) a need for the construction of a school building
32 to provide for improved school district organization or racial balance,
33 or (f) conditions similar to those defined under (a), (b), (c), (d) and
34 (e) hereinabove, creating a like emergency.

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