

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 3011**

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Yeas 62 Nays 35

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Yeas 35 Nays 13

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**President of the Senate**

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 3011** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
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By Representatives Fromhold, McIntire and Sommers

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1            AN ACT Relating to local effort assistance; amending RCW  
2 28A.500.030; creating new sections; providing an expiration date; and  
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the purpose of  
6 the local effort assistance program is stated in RCW 28A.500.010 as  
7 follows: "The purpose of these funds is to mitigate the effect that  
8 above average property tax rates might have on the ability of a school  
9 district to raise local revenues to supplement the state's basic  
10 program of education. These funds serve to equalize the property tax  
11 rates that individual taxpayers would pay for such levies and to  
12 provide tax relief to taxpayers in high tax rate school districts."

13            The legislature further finds that changes in state and federal  
14 funding that have taken place since the local effort assistance program  
15 began in 1989 make it necessary to reexamine the local effort  
16 assistance funding formula and to determine whether the purpose of the  
17 program is being fulfilled.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    (1) The joint task force on local effort  
2 assistance is created, to consist of nineteen members:

3        (a) Six members of the house of representatives, three appointed by  
4 the speaker of the house of representatives and three appointed by the  
5 minority leader;

6        (b) Six members of the senate, three appointed by the majority  
7 leader and three appointed by the minority leader;

8        (c) The superintendent of public instruction;

9        (d) A member chosen by the Washington state school directors'  
10 association;

11       (e) A member chosen by the Washington association of school  
12 administrators;

13       (f) A member chosen by the rural education center;

14       (g) A fiscal officer of an educational service district chosen by  
15 the superintendent of public instruction in consultation with the  
16 superintendents of the educational service districts; and

17       (h) Two members from school districts with student enrollments  
18 greater than twenty thousand, chosen by the office of the  
19 superintendent of public instruction.

20       (2) Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed for  
21 travel expenses as provided in RCW 44.04.120. The staff of the office  
22 of superintendent of public instruction, senate committee services, and  
23 the office of program research of the house of representatives shall  
24 provide support to the task force.

25       (3) The task force shall be cochaired by one senator, chosen by the  
26 task force, and one representative, chosen by the task force. The task  
27 force shall establish rules of procedure at its first meeting.

28       (4) The task force shall seek input and advice from stakeholders.

29       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    The joint task force on local effort  
30 assistance shall:

31       (1) Complete a thorough analysis of the history of the local effort  
32 assistance program and its impacts, including a thorough examination of  
33 the revenues included in the levy base;

34       (2) Determine whether the purpose of the local effort assistance  
35 program, as stated in RCW 28A.500.010, is being met under the current  
36 allocation formula; and

37       (3) Present its findings and provide recommendations to the  
38 legislature by December 1, 2002.

1       **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.500.030 and 1999 c 317 s 3 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       Allocation of state matching funds to eligible districts for local  
4 effort assistance shall be determined as follows:

5       (1) Funds raised by the district through maintenance and operation  
6 levies shall be matched with state funds using the following ratio of  
7 state funds to levy funds:

8       (a) The difference between the district's twelve percent levy rate  
9 and the statewide average twelve percent levy rate; to

10       (b) The statewide average twelve percent levy rate.

11       (2) The maximum amount of state matching funds for districts  
12 eligible for local effort assistance shall be the district's twelve  
13 percent levy amount, multiplied by the following percentage:

14       (a) The difference between the district's twelve percent levy rate  
15 and the statewide average twelve percent levy rate; divided by

16       (b) The district's twelve percent levy rate.

17       (3) Calendar year 2003 allocations and maximum eligibility under  
18 this chapter shall be multiplied by 0.99.

19       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act expire  
20 December 31, 2002.

21       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
22 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
23 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
24 immediately.

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