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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6515**

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**By** Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Finkbeiner, B. Sheldon, Carlson, Kohl-Welles, Shin, Kastama, Jacobsen, Fraser, Fairley, Winsley, Oke and Rasmussen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to clarifying the uses of the school district  
2 capital projects fund to include the costs of implementing technology  
3 facilities plans; amending RCW 28A.320.330; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes and acknowledges  
6 that technology has become an integral part of the facilities and  
7 educational delivery systems in our schools. In order to prepare our  
8 state's students to participate fully in our state's economy,  
9 substantial capital investments must continue to be made in our  
10 schools' comprehensive technology systems, facilities, and projects.  
11 These investments are declared to be a major capital purpose.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.320.330 and 1990 c 33 s 337 are each amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 School districts shall establish the following funds in addition to  
15 those provided elsewhere by law:

16 (1) A general fund for maintenance and operation of the school  
17 district to account for all financial operations of the school district  
18 except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

1 (2) A capital projects fund shall be established for major capital  
2 purposes. All statutory references to a "building fund" shall mean the  
3 capital projects fund so established. Money to be deposited into the  
4 capital projects fund shall include, but not be limited to, bond  
5 proceeds, proceeds from excess levies authorized by RCW 84.52.053,  
6 state apportionment proceeds as authorized by RCW 28A.150.270, and  
7 earnings from capital projects fund investments as authorized by RCW  
8 28A.320.310 and 28A.320.320.

9 Money derived from the sale of bonds, including interest earnings  
10 thereof, may only be used for those purposes described in RCW  
11 28A.530.010, except that accrued interest paid for bonds shall be  
12 deposited in the debt service fund.

13 Money to be deposited into the capital projects fund shall include  
14 but not be limited to rental and lease proceeds as authorized by RCW  
15 28A.335.060, and proceeds from the sale of real property as authorized  
16 by RCW 28A.335.130.

17 Money legally deposited into the capital projects fund from other  
18 sources may be used for the purposes described in RCW 28A.530.010, and  
19 for the purposes of:

20 (a) Major renovation, including the replacement of facilities and  
21 systems where periodical repairs are no longer economical. Major  
22 renovation and replacement shall include, but shall not be limited to,  
23 roofing, heating and ventilating systems, floor covering, and  
24 electrical systems.

25 (b) Renovation and rehabilitation of playfields, athletic fields,  
26 and other district real property.

27 (c) The conduct of preliminary energy audits and energy audits of  
28 school district buildings. For the purpose of this section:

29 (i) "Preliminary energy audits" means a determination of the energy  
30 consumption characteristics of a building, including the size, type,  
31 rate of energy consumption, and major energy using systems of the  
32 building.

33 (ii) "Energy audit" means a survey of a building or complex which  
34 identifies the type, size, energy use level, and major energy using  
35 systems; which determines appropriate energy conservation maintenance  
36 or operating procedures and assesses any need for the acquisition and  
37 installation of energy conservation measures, including solar energy  
38 and renewable resource measures.

1 (iii) "Energy capital improvement" means the installation, or  
2 modification of the installation, of energy conservation measures in a  
3 building which measures are primarily intended to reduce energy  
4 consumption or allow the use of an alternative energy source.

5 (d) Those energy capital improvements which are identified as being  
6 cost-effective in the audits authorized by this section.

7 (e) Purchase or installation of additional major items of equipment  
8 and furniture: PROVIDED, That vehicles shall not be purchased with  
9 capital projects fund money.

10 (f) Costs associated with implementing technology systems,  
11 facilities, and projects, including acquiring hardware, licensing  
12 software, and on-line applications and training related to the  
13 foregoing. However, the software or applications must be an integral  
14 part of the district's technology systems, facilities, or projects.

15 (3) A debt service fund to provide for tax proceeds, other  
16 revenues, and disbursements as authorized in chapter 39.44 RCW.

17 (4) An associated student body fund as authorized by RCW  
18 28A.325.030.

19 (5) Advance refunding bond funds and refunded bond funds to provide  
20 for the proceeds and disbursements as authorized in chapter 39.53 RCW.

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