
HOUSE BILL 3006

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By Representative Dunshee

1 AN ACT Relating to fully accounting for the cost of basic
2 education by including the costs currently paid through local levies
3 in the four year outlook; amending RCW 43.88.055; and declaring an
4 emergency.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.88.055 and 2012 1st sp.s. c 8 s 1 are each
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (1) The legislature must adopt a four-year balanced budget as
9 follows:

10 (a) Beginning in the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, the legislature
11 shall enact a balanced omnibus operating appropriations bill that
12 leaves, in total, a positive ending fund balance in the general fund
13 and related funds.

14 (b) Beginning in the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, the projected
15 maintenance level of the omnibus appropriations bill enacted by the
16 legislature shall not exceed the available fiscal resources for the
17 next ensuing fiscal biennium.

18 (2) For purposes of this section:

19 (a) "Available fiscal resources" means the beginning general fund
20 and related fund balances and any fiscal resources estimated for the
21 general fund and related funds, adjusted for enacted legislation, and

1 with forecasted revenues adjusted to the greater of (i) the official
2 general fund and related funds revenue forecast for the ensuing
3 biennium, or (ii) the official general fund and related funds
4 forecast for the second fiscal year of the current fiscal biennium,
5 increased by 4.5 percent for each fiscal year of the ensuing
6 biennium;

7 (b) "Projected maintenance level" means estimated appropriations
8 necessary to maintain the continuing costs of program and service
9 levels either funded in that appropriations bill or mandated by other
10 state or federal law, ~~((and))~~ the amount of any general fund moneys
11 projected to be transferred to the budget stabilization account
12 pursuant to Article VII, section 12 of the state Constitution, ~~((but
13 does not include in the 2013-2015 and 2015-2017 fiscal biennia the
14 costs related to the enhanced funding under the new definition of
15 basic education as established in chapter 548, Laws of 2009, and
16 affirmed by the decision in *Mathew McCleary et al., v. The State of
17 Washington*, 173 Wn.2d 477, 269 P.3d 227, (2012), from which the
18 short term exclusion of these obligations is solely for the purposes
19 of calculating this estimate and does not in any way indicate an
20 intent to avoid full funding of these obligations))~~ and estimated
21 expenditures by school districts that are for implementation of the
22 state's program of basic education but are supported with maintenance
23 and operation levies collected under RCW 84.52.053;

24 (c) "Related funds," as used in this section, means the
25 Washington opportunity pathways account and the education legacy
26 trust account.

27 (3) Subsection (1)(a) and (b) of this section does not apply to
28 an appropriations bill that makes net reductions in general fund and
29 related funds appropriations and is enacted between July 1st and
30 February 15th of any fiscal year.

31 (4) Subsection (1)(b) of this section does not apply in a fiscal
32 biennium in which money is appropriated from the budget stabilization
33 account.

34 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate
35 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
36 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
37 effect immediately.

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