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By House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Reeves, Sullivan, Springer, Senn, Frame, Fey, Appleton, Ortiz-Self, Bergquist, and Goodman)

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1 AN ACT Relating to enhancing educational opportunities for
2 vulnerable children and youth using funding distributed from the
3 Puget Sound taxpayer accountability account; and amending RCW
4 43.79.520.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.79.520 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 423 are each
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (1) (a) The Puget Sound taxpayer accountability account is created
9 in the state treasury. Moneys in the account may be spent only after
10 appropriation. Expenditures from the account may only be used for
11 distribution to or appropriation for contracted services in counties
12 where a portion of the county is within the boundaries of a regional
13 transit authority that includes a county with a population of one
14 million five hundred thousand or more. Counties and contracted
15 service providers may use distributions from the account only (~~for~~
16 ~~educational services~~) to improve educational outcomes in early
17 learning, K-12, and higher education including, but not limited to,
18 for (~~youths~~) facilities and programs for children and youth that
19 are low-income, homeless, or in foster care, or other vulnerable
20 populations; and for the purposes in subsection (2) of this section.
21 (~~Counties~~) Entities receiving distributions under this section must

1 track all expenditures and uses of the funds. To the greatest extent
2 practicable, the expenditures of the counties must follow the
3 requirements of any transportation subarea equity element used by the
4 regional transit authority.

5 (2) Counties that directly receive distributions under this
6 section may use distributions under this section to start endowments
7 to provide support for improving educational outcomes in early
8 learning, K-12, and higher education.

9 (3) (a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, beginning
10 September 1, 2017, and by the last day of September, December, March,
11 and June of each year thereafter, the state treasurer ((shall)) must
12 distribute moneys deposited in the Puget Sound taxpayer
13 accountability account to counties for which a portion of the county
14 is within the boundaries of a regional transit authority that
15 includes a county with a population of one million five hundred
16 thousand. The treasurer must make the distribution to the counties on
17 the relative basis of that transit authority's population that lives
18 within the respective counties.

19 (b) If a county has not adopted a sales and use tax under RCW
20 82.14.460 before July 1, 2019, then in lieu of distributing to the
21 county under (a) of this subsection the legislature may appropriate
22 the distribution attributable to that county to the department of
23 commerce for expenditure in that county under a contract with a
24 nonprofit community service organization. The contract must be for
25 services that will improve educational outcomes as described in
26 subsection (1) of this section and the contractor must have broad
27 experience in administering grants and contracts for education-
28 related services in the county. The legislature may also appropriate
29 a portion of that distribution to the department of commerce for
30 expenditure as capital facilities grants in that county for purposes
31 of subsection (1) of this section, subject to the matching and
32 oversight requirements of RCW 43.63A.125 (2) (c), (5), and (6).

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