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WSR 24-22-049 PERMANENT RULES SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: In alignment with ESSB 5293, passed by the Washington state legislature in 2023, the office of superintendent of public instruction is adopting rule making to implement an exemption for school districts and charter schools for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 budget periods from accepting binding conditions when the proceeds of an interfund loan have been used to balance deficit fund balances. The rules would allow this exemption in order to address budget destabilization in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is consistent with the purpose described under ESSB 5293 (2023) and RCW 28A.505.130.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 392-123-060.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 28A.150.290, 28A.710.220. Adopted under notice filed as WSR 24-17-029 on August 12, 2024. Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0. Date Adopted: October 28, 2024.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 15-18-078, filed 8/28/15, effective 9/28/15)

WAC 392-123-060 Petition to budget receivables collectible in future fiscal periods. When a school district or charter school is unable to prepare a budget or a budget extension in which the estimated revenues for the budgeted fiscal period plus the estimated fund balance or actual fund balance in case of a budget extension, at the beginning of the budgeted fiscal period less the ending reserved fund balance for the budgeted fiscal year do not at least equal the estimated expenditures for the budgeted fiscal period, the school district board of directors or charter school board may deliver a petition in writing at least ((twenty)) 20 days before the budget or budget extension is scheduled for adoption to the superintendent of public in-

struction requesting permission to include receivables collectible in future periods beyond the fiscal period being budgeted in order to balance the budget or budget extension for the fiscal period being budgeted. Said petition shall include a resolution of the school board requesting permission to budget receivables collectible in future fiscal periods and other such information as the superintendent of public instruction shall deem as necessary.

If such permission is granted, it shall be in writing, and it shall contain conditions, binding on the district or charter school, designed to improve the district's or charter school's financial condition.

For the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 budget periods, accepting binding conditions due to a negative fund balance position is not required for school districts or charter schools that have an interfund loan for more than the amount of the negative position in the receiving fund. This timebound exception is provided in RCW 28A.505.130 so long as the transaction date on the loan occurs on or before June 30, 2024.