

**SHB 2376 - H AMD 821**

By Representative Manweller

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1 On page 273, after line 13, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 720. Because it is the paramount duty of the  
3 state to provide for the education of all its children, in the event  
4 of judicial action that interrupts public school funding or operations  
5 it is the intent of the legislature to ensure the continued operation  
6 of public schools and compensation of public school staff until such  
7 time as the legislature may come into special session and address the  
8 judicial ruling. If a judicial ruling orders the closure of the  
9 state's public schools or invalidates state appropriations for  
10 allocations to school districts, then the governor may direct the  
11 treasurer to authorize expenditures from the budget stabilization  
12 account by the superintendent of public instruction for allocation to  
13 public schools for the state's program of basic education under the  
14 formulas in RCW 28A.150.260."

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16 Renumber remaining sections consecutively and correct internal  
17 references accordingly.

18 Correct the title.

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EFFECT: Legislative intent is declared to ensure continued operation of public schools and compensation of public school staff. If a judicial ruling orders public school closures or invalidates state appropriations for public schools, the Governor is authorized to direct the Treasurer to permit expenditures from the Budget Stabilization Account (BSA) for the Superintendent of Public Instruction to allocate to school districts under basic education funding formulae.

FISCAL IMPACT: No net change to appropriated levels; however, the Governor is permitted to authorize expenditures from the BSA according to basic education formulae in specified circumstances.

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