
SENATE BILL 5726

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By Senators Conner, Rinehart, Bailey and Bauer.

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1 AN ACT Relating to fiscal responsibility for school programs; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 43.135 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.135 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature shall not impose responsibility for new
7 programs or increased levels of service under existing programs on any
8 school district unless the district is reimbursed for the costs thereof
9 by the state.

10 (2) The amount of increased local revenue and state appropriations
11 and distributions that are received or could be received by a school
12 district as a result of legislative enactments after 1979 shall be
13 included as reimbursement under this section. This subsection does not
14 affect litigation pending on January 1, 1991.

1 (3) If by order of any court, or legislative enactment, the costs
2 of a school district program are transferred to or from the state, the
3 otherwise applicable state tax revenue limit shall be increased or
4 decreased, as the case may be, by the dollar amount of the costs of the
5 program.

6 (4) The legislature, in consultation with the office of financial
7 management shall determine the costs of any new programs or increased
8 levels of service under existing programs imposed on any school
9 district or transferred to or from the state.