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By Senators Franklin, McAuliffe, Fairley, Kohl-Welles, Patterson, Costa, McCaslin, Kline, Wojahn and Rasmussen

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to medicaid reimbursement payments to school
- 2 districts; and amending RCW 74.09.5256.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09.5256 and 1994 c 180 s 7 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- 6 (1) Districts shall reassign medicaid payments to be received under 7 RCW 74.09.5249 through 74.09.5253, 74.09.5254 and 74.09.5255, and this 8 section to the superintendent of public instruction.
- 9 (2) The superintendent of public instruction shall receive medicaid 10 payments from the department of social and health services for all 11 state and federal moneys under Title XIX of the federal social security 12 act due to districts for medical assistance provided in the district's 13 special education program.
- 14 (3) The superintendent shall use reports from the department of 15 social and health services, the state billing agent, districts acting 16 as their own billing agent, and firms to calculate the appropriate 17 amounts of incentive payments and state special education program 18 moneys due each district.

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- 1 (4) Moneys received by the superintendent of public instruction 2 shall be disbursed for the following purposes:
- 3 (a) Reimbursement to the department of social and health services 4 for the state-funded portion of medicaid payments;
- 5 (b) Reimbursement for billing agent's fees, including those of 6 districts acting as their own agent and billing fees of firms;
- 7 (c) Incentive payments to <u>each</u> school district((s)) equal to 8 ((twenty)) one-half of the percent of potential medicaid reimbursable 9 services billed by the school district as calculated by the 10 superintendent multiplied by the federal portion of medicaid payments 11 after deduction for billing fees; and
- 12 (d) The remainder shall be distributed to districts as part of 13 state allocations for the special education program provided under RCW 14 28A.150.390.
- (5) With respect to private insurer funds received by districts, the superintendent of public instruction shall reduce state special education program allocations to the districts by eighty percent of the amount received, after deduction for billing fees.

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