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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6527**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen and Kline)

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1 AN ACT Relating to housing assistance for school district  
2 employees; adding a new section to chapter 43.185 RCW; creating new  
3 sections; making an appropriation; and providing expiration dates.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the quality of  
6 education is improved when school district employees, including  
7 teachers, other certificated staff, and classified employees, are able  
8 to work and live in the same community. The legislature finds that  
9 many school district employees cannot afford to live in the areas in  
10 which they work making it more difficult for those employees to  
11 maintain vital links with the school community including participation  
12 in after school activities. Housing assistance for school district  
13 employees would help school districts recruit and retain qualified  
14 employees and improve the quality of education by helping those  
15 employees to live in the same communities as do the students.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of community, trade, and  
17 economic development, in cooperation with the housing finance  
18 commission, shall establish a state-wide pilot program to provide down

1 payment assistance loans from the housing trust fund to eligible  
2 employees of school districts. To be eligible, the employee's median  
3 family income shall be less than one hundred percent of the area median  
4 family income or the state median family income, whichever is higher,  
5 and the loan shall be to purchase the employee's primary residence  
6 located in the school district where the employee is employed.

7 (2) The department and the commission shall report to the  
8 legislature by December 15, 2000, regarding the results of the program  
9 including information about the number of borrowers assisted, the  
10 average amount of the down payment assistance, and the number of loans  
11 in each school district.

12 (3) This section expires June 30, 2002.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.185 RCW  
14 to read as follows:

15 (1) The eligibility provisions of RCW 43.185.050 do not apply to  
16 the pilot program in section 2 of this act.

17 (2) This section expires June 30, 2002.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or  
19 as much thereof may be necessary, is appropriated from the housing  
20 trust fund to the department of community, trade, and economic  
21 development for the biennium ending June 30, 2001, to be used by the  
22 department of community, trade, and economic development to work in  
23 cooperation with the housing finance commission to develop a state-wide  
24 pilot program to provide down payment assistance loans to eligible  
25 employees of school districts.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Any funds from the appropriation in section  
27 4 of this act which are held in escrow or as a guaranty or collateral  
28 account and are remaining unexpended following the term of the loan  
29 repayments under the pilot program established in section 2 of this  
30 act, or at any prior time as determined by the housing finance  
31 commission, shall be returned along with accrued interest to the state  
32 general fund.

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