
SENATE BILL 6527

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By Senator Jacobsen

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to housing assistance for school district
2 employees; adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW; creating a new
3 section; and making an appropriation.

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.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330 RCW
17 to read as follows:

1 (1) The department of community, trade, and economic development,
2 in cooperation with the housing finance commission, shall develop a
3 state-wide pilot program to provide down payment assistance loans to
4 eligible employees of school districts. To be eligible, the employee's
5 median family income shall be less than one hundred percent of the area
6 median family income or the state median family income, whichever is
7 higher, and the loan shall be to purchase the employee's primary
8 residence located in the school district where the employee is
9 employed.

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

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or
16 as much thereof may be necessary, is appropriated from the general fund
17 to the department of community, trade, and economic development for the
18 fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, to be used by the department of
19 community, trade, and economic development to work in cooperation with
20 the housing finance commission to develop a state-wide pilot program to
21 provide down payment assistance loans to eligible employees of school
22 districts.

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