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1 AN ACT Relating to providing financial assistance to counties;  
2 amending RCW 82.08.160; reenacting and amending RCW 43.79A.040; adding  
3 a new section to chapter 43.31 RCW; and providing a contingent  
4 effective date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.31 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) The county financial assistance advisory council is established  
9 within the department of community, trade, and economic development.  
10 The council shall include: Two members of the house of  
11 representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
12 representatives, one from each caucus; two members of the senate,  
13 appointed by the president of the senate, one from each caucus; two  
14 representatives appointed by the Washington state association of  
15 counties; and one member appointed by the governor, who shall serve as  
16 chairperson of the advisory council.

17 (2) Members shall not be compensated, but shall receive  
18 reimbursement for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and

1 43.03.060. The department of community, trade, and economic  
2 development shall provide administrative and clerical assistance to the  
3 advisory council.

4 (3) The advisory council shall determine which counties have a tax  
5 base insufficient to provide basic county services to their citizens  
6 and shall determine the county allocation of funds deposited in the  
7 county assistance account created in this section. Counties that had  
8 a decrease of less than six percent in their current expense budget due  
9 to the repeal of the state motor vehicle excise tax are not eligible  
10 for the disbursement of funds under this section. The advisory council  
11 shall make disbursement recommendations to the department on an annual  
12 basis.

13 (4) The department shall administer a grant program to the  
14 counties, taking into consideration the annual recommendations of the  
15 advisory council.

16 (5) The county assistance account is created in the custody of the  
17 state treasurer. All receipts from disbursements made under RCW  
18 82.08.160 must be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the  
19 account may be used only for the purposes provided in this section.  
20 Only the director of the department of community, trade, and economic  
21 development or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from  
22 the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under  
23 chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for  
24 expenditures.

25 **Sec. 2.** RCW 82.08.160 and 1982 1st ex.s. c 35 s 4 are each amended  
26 to read as follows:

27 (1) On or before the twenty-fifth day of each month, all taxes  
28 collected under RCW 82.08.150 during the preceding month shall be  
29 remitted to the state department of revenue, to be deposited with the  
30 state treasurer. ((Upon receipt of such moneys))

31 (2) Of the money collected and remitted under RCW 82.08.150 (1),  
32 (2), (3), and (4), the state treasurer shall deposit each month four  
33 hundred seventy thousand dollars to the county assistance account.  
34 Beginning on July 1, 2005, and every July 1st thereafter, the state  
35 treasurer shall increase the transfer to the county assistance account  
36 by the fiscal growth factor, as defined in RCW 43.135.025, forecast by  
37 the office of financial management in November of the preceding year.

1 The state treasurer shall, after making the deposit to the county  
2 assistance account, credit sixty-five percent of the remaining sums  
3 collected and remitted under RCW 82.08.150 (1) and (2) and one hundred  
4 percent of the remaining sums collected and remitted under RCW  
5 82.08.150 (3) and (4) to the state general fund, and thirty-five  
6 percent of the remaining sums collected and remitted under RCW  
7 82.08.150 (1) and (2) to a fund which is hereby created to be known as  
8 the "liquor excise tax fund."

9 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.79A.040 and 2003 c 403 s 9, 2003 c 313 s 10, 2003  
10 c 191 s 7, 2003 c 148 s 15, 2003 c 92 s 8, and 2003 c 19 s 12 are each  
11 reenacted and amended to read as follows:

12 (1) Money in the treasurer's trust fund may be deposited, invested,  
13 and reinvested by the state treasurer in accordance with RCW 43.84.080  
14 in the same manner and to the same extent as if the money were in the  
15 state treasury.

16 (2) All income received from investment of the treasurer's trust  
17 fund shall be set aside in an account in the treasury trust fund to be  
18 known as the investment income account.

19 (3) The investment income account may be utilized for the payment  
20 of purchased banking services on behalf of treasurer's trust funds  
21 including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and  
22 disbursement functions for the state treasurer or affected state  
23 agencies. The investment income account is subject in all respects to  
24 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to  
25 financial institutions. Payments shall occur prior to distribution of  
26 earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

27 (4)(a) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings  
28 credited to the investment income account to the state general fund  
29 except under (b) and (c) of this subsection.

30 (b) The following accounts and funds shall receive their  
31 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's  
32 average daily balance for the period: The Washington promise  
33 scholarship account, the college savings program account, the  
34 Washington advanced college tuition payment program account, the  
35 agricultural local fund, the American Indian scholarship endowment  
36 fund, the students with dependents grant account, the basic health plan  
37 self-insurance reserve account, the contract harvesting revolving

1 account, the Washington state combined fund drive account, the county  
2 assistance account, the Washington international exchange scholarship  
3 endowment fund, the developmental disabilities endowment trust fund,  
4 the energy account, the fair fund, the fruit and vegetable inspection  
5 account, the game farm alternative account, the grain inspection  
6 revolving fund, the juvenile accountability incentive account, the law  
7 enforcement officers' and fire fighters' plan 2 expense fund, the local  
8 tourism promotion account, the produce railcar pool account, the rural  
9 rehabilitation account, the stadium and exhibition center account, the  
10 youth athletic facility account, the self-insurance revolving fund, the  
11 sulfur dioxide abatement account, and the children's trust fund(~~(, and~~  
12 ~~the investing in innovation account)~~). However, the earnings to be  
13 distributed shall first be reduced by the allocation to the state  
14 treasurer's service fund pursuant to RCW 43.08.190.

15 (c) The following accounts and funds shall receive eighty percent  
16 of their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or  
17 fund's average daily balance for the period: The advanced right of way  
18 revolving fund, the advanced environmental mitigation revolving  
19 account, the city and county advance right-of-way revolving fund, the  
20 federal narcotics asset forfeitures account, the high occupancy vehicle  
21 account, the local rail service assistance account, and the  
22 miscellaneous transportation programs account.

23 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state  
24 Constitution, no trust accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings  
25 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2004, only if  
27 Senate Bill No. 5982 of the 2004 session, regarding the liquor control  
28 board fully implementing a retail business plan and Sunday sales of  
29 liquor in the state, is enacted into law by this date. If Senate Bill  
30 No. 5982 is not enacted into law by July 1, 2004, this act is null and  
31 void.

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