

SSB 6246 - S AMD 668

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1 On page 22, line 30, increase the General Fund- -State FY 2017
2 appropriation by \$2,000,000 and adjust the total appropriation
3 accordingly.

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5 On page 31, after line 38, insert the following:

6 "(43) \$2,000,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for
7 fiscal year 2017 is provided solely for the implementation and
8 administration of a competitive grant program for stable housing for
9 unaccompanied homeless youth from very low-income households, in
10 consultation with the office of the superintendent of public
11 instruction. The grant program shall link homeless students and
12 their families with housing located in the student's school district
13 to provide educational stability for homeless students by promoting
14 housing stability. A maximum of fifteen grants of up to five
15 hundred thousand dollars to school districts partnered with eligible
16 organizations, such as local government, local housing authority,
17 regional support network established under chapter 71.24 RCW,
18 nonprofit community or neighborhood-based organization, federally
19 recognized Indian tribe in the state of Washington, or regional or
20 statewide nonprofit housing assistance organization, shall be
21 awarded. Applications for the grant program must include contractual
22 agreements between the housing providers and school districts
23 defining the responsibilities and commitments of each party to
24 identify, house, and support homeless students. Activities eligible
25 for assistance under this grant program include but are not limited
26 to:

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1 (a) Rental assistance, which includes utilities, security and
2 utility deposits, first and last month's rent, rental application
3 fees, moving expenses, and other eligible expenses to be determined
4 by the department;

5 (b) Transportation assistance, including gasoline assistance for
6 families with vehicles and bus passes;

7 (c) Emergency shelter; and

8 (d) Housing stability case management.

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10 On page 166, line 9, increase the General Fund- -State FY 2017
11 appropriation by \$2,000,000 and adjust the total appropriation
12 accordingly.

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14 On page 180, after line 32, insert the following:

15 "(47) \$2,000,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for
16 fiscal year 2017 is provided solely for the office of the
17 superintendent of public instruction for the following:

18 (a) Create a competitive grant process to evaluate and award
19 state-funded three-year grants to school districts to increase
20 identification of homeless students and the capacity of the
21 districts to provide support, which may include education liaisons,
22 for homeless students;

23 (b) Provide grants to school districts based on the
24 demonstrated need of the school district with consideration of the
25 number or overall percentage, or both, of homeless children and
26 youths enrolled in preschool, elementary, and secondary schools in
27 the school district, and the ability of the local school district to
28 meet these needs. Preference must be given to districts that
29 demonstrate a commitment to serving the needs of unaccompanied
30 youth. School districts must certify that grant funds allocated
31 under this section must not supplant existing federal, state, or
32 local resources for homeless student supports, which may include
33 education liaisons; and

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1 (c) Collect and report from the grantees how often each student
2 physically moves during the school year, what services families or
3 unaccompanied youth could access, and whether or not a family or
4 unaccompanied youth received stable housing by the end of the school
5 year. The information collected must be published on the office's
6 website annually."

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EFFECT:

1. Creates and implements a competitive grant program at the Dept. of Commerce for stable housing for unaccompanied homeless youth from very low-income households.
2. Creates and implements a competitive grant program at OSPI for three-year grants to school districts to increase homeless student identification and support.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$4,000,000 GF-S FY 2017

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