

2SSB 5237 - S AMD 428

By Senator Wilson, L.

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1 On page 6, after line 12, insert the following:

2 **"Sec. 102.** RCW 43.88.055 and 2020 c 218 s 2 are each amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (1) The legislature must adopt a four-year balanced budget as
5 follows:

6 (a) Beginning in the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, the legislature
7 shall enact a balanced omnibus operating appropriations bill that
8 leaves, in total, a positive ending fund balance in the general fund
9 and related funds.

10 (b) Beginning in the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, the projected
11 maintenance level of the omnibus appropriations bill enacted by the
12 legislature shall not exceed the available fiscal resources for the
13 next ensuing fiscal biennium.

14 (2) For purposes of this section:

15 (a) "Available fiscal resources" means the beginning general fund
16 and related fund balances and any fiscal resources estimated for the
17 general fund and related funds, adjusted for enacted legislation, and
18 with forecasted revenues adjusted to the greater of (i) the official
19 general fund and related funds revenue forecast for the ensuing
20 biennium, or (ii) the official general fund and related funds
21 forecast for the second fiscal year of the current fiscal biennium,
22 increased by 4.5 percent for each fiscal year of the ensuing
23 biennium;

24 (b) "Projected maintenance level" means estimated appropriations
25 necessary to maintain the continuing costs of program and service
26 levels either funded in that appropriations bill or mandated by other
27 state or federal law, and the amount of any general fund moneys
28 projected to be transferred to the budget stabilization account
29 pursuant to Article VII, section 12 of the state Constitution;

30 (c) "Related funds," as used in this section, means the
31 Washington opportunity pathways account, the workforce education

1 investment account, the fair start for kids account, and the
2 education legacy trust account.

3 (3) Subsection (1)(a) and (b) of this section does not apply to
4 an appropriations bill that makes net reductions in general fund and
5 related funds appropriations and is enacted between July 1st and
6 February 15th of any fiscal year.

7 (4) Subsection (1)(b) of this section does not apply in a fiscal
8 biennium in which money is appropriated from the budget stabilization
9 account pursuant to Article VII, section 12(d)(ii) of the state
10 Constitution."

11 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
12 internal references accordingly.

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13 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "RCW" insert "43.88.055,"

EFFECT: Adds the fair start for kids account to the definition of
related funds, which includes it in the legislative balanced budget
requirement.

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