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1 AN ACT Relating to securing schools by authorizing funding for a
2 school resource officer in every school; amending RCW 28A.710.280 and
3 28A.715.040; adding a new section to chapter 28A.150 RCW; creating a
4 new section; and providing an effective date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The purpose of this act is to provide a
7 school resource officer in every school to promote a safe learning
8 environment and to protect the safety and welfare of all students and
9 school personnel. The legislature finds that recent acts of mass
10 violence across the nation have threatened the safety of children at
11 school. Thus, the legislature intends to implement short and long-
12 term strategies that empower school districts to protect our students
13 and provide a safe and secure learning environment. The legislature
14 further intends to enact laws that support our schools and enable
15 them to increase security, provide greater protections for students
16 and staff, and develop local strategies to identify and intervene
17 against potential threats. Therefore, it is the intent of the
18 legislature to provide every public school in Washington with the
19 resources to employ a full-time school resource officer to promote a
20 safe learning environment and to protect the safety and welfare of
21 all students and school personnel.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.150
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1)(a) In addition to amounts allocated under RCW 28A.150.260,
4 the superintendent of public instruction must allocate state funding
5 for one school resource officer on each school campus to school
6 districts.

7 (b) The allocation for a school resource officer's annual salary
8 under this section is \$76,532, adjusted for inflation from the
9 2022-23 school year as defined in RCW 28A.400.205 and the classified
10 regionalization factor of the school district in which the school is
11 located. Allocations for fringe benefits and insurance benefits shall
12 be calculated using rates specified in the omnibus appropriations act
13 for classified staff.

14 (c) Amounts allocated under this section may be used only to
15 support staffing for school resource officers or school security
16 officers on school campuses. Amounts allocated under this section are
17 part of the funding deemed necessary by the legislature to support
18 school districts in offering the minimum program of basic education
19 under RCW 28A.150.220.

20 (2) For the purposes of this section:

21 (a) "School campus" means a school facility, as defined by the
22 superintendent of public instruction by rules adopted under RCW
23 28A.525.020, that is used primarily for in-person instruction of
24 students in any grade level from kindergarten through 12th grade.

25 (b) "School resource officer" means a commissioned law
26 enforcement officer who provides security and law enforcement
27 services at one or more schools under the direction of a school
28 administrator.

29 (c) "School security officer" means a person other than a
30 commissioned law enforcement officer who provides security services
31 at one or more public schools under the direction of a school
32 administrator.

33 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.710.280 and 2021 c 111 s 12 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

35 (1) The legislature intends that state funding for charter
36 schools be distributed equitably with state funding provided for
37 other public schools.

38 (2) For eligible students enrolled in a charter school
39 established and operating in accordance with this chapter, the

1 superintendent of public instruction shall transmit to each charter
2 school an amount calculated as provided in this section and based on
3 the statewide average salaries set forth in RCW 28A.150.410 for
4 certificated instructional staff adjusted by the regionalization
5 factor that applies to the school district in which the charter
6 school is geographically located, including any enrichment to those
7 statutory formulae that is specified in the omnibus appropriations
8 act. The amount must be the sum of (a) and (b) of this subsection.

9 (a) The superintendent shall, for purposes of making
10 distributions under this section, separately calculate and distribute
11 to charter schools moneys appropriated for general apportionment
12 under the same ratios as in RCW 28A.150.260 and school resource
13 officers under section 2 of this act.

14 (b) The superintendent also shall, for purposes of making
15 distributions under this section, and in accordance with the
16 applicable formulae for categorical programs specified in (b)(i)
17 through (v) of this subsection (2) and any enrichment to those
18 statutory formulae that is specified in the omnibus appropriations
19 act, separately calculate and distribute moneys appropriated by the
20 legislature to charter schools for:

21 (i) Supplemental instruction and services for students who are
22 not meeting academic standards through the learning assistance
23 program under RCW 28A.165.005 through 28A.165.065;

24 (ii) Supplemental instruction and services for eligible and
25 enrolled students and exited students whose primary language is other
26 than English through the transitional bilingual instruction program
27 under RCW 28A.180.010 through 28A.180.080;

28 (iii) The opportunity for an appropriate education at public
29 expense as defined by RCW 28A.155.020 for all eligible students with
30 disabilities as defined in RCW 28A.155.020;

31 (iv) Programs for highly capable students under RCW 28A.185.010
32 through 28A.185.030; and

33 (v) Pupil transportation services to and from school in
34 accordance with RCW 28A.160.150 through 28A.160.180. Distributions
35 for pupil transportation must be calculated on a per eligible student
36 basis based on the allocation for the previous school year to the
37 school district in which the charter school is located.

38 (3) The superintendent of public instruction must adopt rules
39 necessary for the distribution of funding required by this section
40 and to comply with federal reporting requirements.

1 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.715.040 and 2018 c 266 s 404 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) A school that is the subject of a state-tribal education
4 compact must report student enrollment. Reporting must be done in the
5 same manner and use the same definitions of enrolled students and
6 annual average full-time equivalent enrollment as is required of
7 school districts. The reporting requirements in this subsection are
8 required for a school to receive state or federal funding that is
9 allocated based on student characteristics.

10 (2) Funding for a school that is the subject of a state-tribal
11 education compact shall be apportioned by the superintendent of
12 public instruction according to the schedule established under RCW
13 28A.510.250, including general apportionment, special education,
14 categorical, and other nonbasic education moneys. Allocations for
15 certificated instructional staff must be based on the statewide
16 average salary set forth in RCW 28A.150.410 and section 2 of this
17 act, adjusted by the regionalization factor that applies to the
18 school district in which the school is located. Allocations for
19 classified staff and certificated administrative staff must be based
20 on the salary allocations of the school district in which the school
21 is located as set forth in RCW 28A.150.410, adjusted by the
22 regionalization factor that applies to the school district in which
23 the school is located. Nothing in this section requires a school that
24 is the subject of a state-tribal education compact to use the
25 statewide salary allocation schedule. Such a school is eligible to
26 apply for state grants on the same basis as a school district.

27 (3) Any moneys received by a school that is the subject of a
28 state-tribal education compact from any source that remain in the
29 school's accounts at the end of any budget year must remain in the
30 school's accounts for use by the school during subsequent budget
31 years.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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