
SENATE BILL 6223

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By Senators Nguyen, Frame, Kuderer, Lovick, Mullet, and Nobles; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

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1 AN ACT Relating to updating school district director compensation
2 through the development of a state-funded compensation structure;
3 adding new sections to chapter 28A.343 RCW; creating a new section;
4 repealing RCW 28A.343.400; and providing effective dates.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** School director compensation has not
7 changed in 38 years. The legislature declares it is the policy of the
8 state to: (1) Ensure, for the sake of educational excellence, that
9 the electorate has the broadest and most diverse possible field in
10 which to choose qualified candidates for its school boards; (2)
11 ensure that the opportunity to serve on school boards is open to all,
12 regardless of financial circumstances; and (3) ensure that the time-
13 consuming and demanding service as directors is not limited to those
14 able or willing to make substantial personal and financial
15 sacrifices.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.343
17 RCW to read as follows:

18 (1) Each member of the board of directors of a school district
19 may receive compensation in an annual amount not to exceed the
20 combined total of \$500 per month plus 50 cents per student enrolled

1 in the school district based on prior year actual enrollments as
2 published by the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

3 (2) A board of directors may adopt a compensation amount less
4 than the maximum allowable, but every board of directors shall adopt
5 a compensation policy by September 1, 2026, in an open public
6 meeting. Boards of directors may adopt a per-meeting amount of
7 compensation or any combination of per-meeting monthly compensation,
8 and per student provided that total annual compensation per director
9 does not exceed the amounts provided in subsection (1) of this
10 section.

11 (3) By July 1st of each year, the office of the superintendent of
12 public instruction shall publish an annual update to the monthly and
13 per-student amounts authorized in this section using the implicit
14 price deflator from the previous calendar year as an inflation index.

15 (4) As used in this section, "per student" means per full-time
16 equivalent student.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.343
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
20 submit, each biennium, a maintenance-level budget request to the
21 office of financial management and the legislature with an amount of
22 state funds necessary to fully fund school director compensation for
23 all school districts that have adopted a school director compensation
24 model authorized by section 2 of this act.

25 (2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
26 provide a state-funded school director compensation amount in
27 apportionment payments to each school district that adopts a
28 compensation model authorized by section 2 of this act.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.343.400 (Compensation—Waiver) and
30 1987 c 307 s 2 are each repealed, effective July 1, 2025.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 2 and 3 of this act take effect
32 July 1, 2025.

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