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By House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Bergquist, Eslick, Leavitt, Ryu, Dufault, Berry, Reed, Zahn, Callan, Wylie, Duerr, Thomas, Berg, Scott, Goodman, Reeves, Fosse, Salahuddin, Hill, Pollet, and Bernbaum; by request of Governor Ferguson)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/26.

1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the preK promise account;
2 reenacting and amending RCW 43.79A.040 and 43.79A.040; adding a new
3 section to chapter 43.216 RCW; providing an effective date; providing
4 an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.216
7 RCW under the subchapter heading "early childhood education and
8 assistance" to read as follows:

9 (1) The preK promise account is created in the custody of the
10 state treasurer to be used solely and exclusively for the early
11 childhood education and assistance program established in RCW
12 43.216.510. All receipts from any gifts, grants, or donations
13 received by the secretary for the preK promise account must be
14 deposited into the account. Only the secretary may authorize
15 expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment
16 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not
17 required for expenditures.

18 (2) The department shall track funds received through gifts,
19 grants, or donations separately for each organization or entity that
20 deposits funds into the account. Expenditures from the account may be

1 used only to support children in the early childhood education and
2 assistance program established in chapter 43.216 RCW.

3 (3) Any residue in the account must be accumulated and may not
4 revert to the general fund at the end of the biennium.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.79A.040 and 2025 c 399 s 13 and 2025 c 190 s 3
6 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 (1) Money in the treasurer's trust fund may be deposited,
8 invested, and reinvested by the state treasurer in accordance with
9 RCW 43.84.080 in the same manner and to the same extent as if the
10 money were in the state treasury, and may be commingled with moneys
11 in the state treasury for cash management and cash balance purposes.

12 (2) All income received from investment of the treasurer's trust
13 fund must be set aside in an account in the treasury trust fund to be
14 known as the investment income account.

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

23 (4)(a) Monthly, the state treasurer must distribute the earnings
24 credited to the investment income account to the state general fund
25 except under (b), (c), and (d) of this subsection.

26 (b) The following accounts and funds must receive their
27 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's
28 average daily balance for the period: The 24/7 sobriety account, the
29 Washington promise scholarship account, the Gina Grant Bull memorial
30 legislative page scholarship account, the Rosa Franklin legislative
31 internship program scholarship account, the Washington advanced
32 college tuition payment program account, the Washington college
33 savings program account, the preK promise account, the accessible
34 communities account, the Washington achieving a better life
35 experience program account, the Washington career and college
36 pathways innovation challenge program account, the community and
37 technical college innovation account, the agricultural local fund,
38 the American Indian scholarship endowment fund, the behavioral health
39 loan repayment and scholarship program account, the Billy Frank Jr.

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2 endowment fund, the foster care endowed scholarship trust fund, the
3 contract harvesting revolving account, the Washington state combined
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5 road administration board emergency loan account, the toll collection
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7 energy account, the energy facility site evaluation council account,
8 the fair fund, the family and medical leave insurance account, the
9 Fern Lodge maintenance account, the fish and wildlife federal lands
10 revolving account, the natural resources federal lands revolving
11 account, the food animal veterinarian conditional scholarship
12 account, the forest health revolving account, the fruit and vegetable
13 inspection account, the educator conditional scholarship account, the
14 game farm alternative account, the GET ready for math and science
15 scholarship account, the Washington global health technologies and
16 product development account, the grain inspection revolving fund, the
17 Washington history day account, the industrial insurance rainy day
18 fund, the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' plan 2 expense
19 fund, the local tourism promotion account, the low-income home
20 rehabilitation account, the medication for people living with HIV
21 rebate revenue account, the homeowner recovery account, the
22 multiagency permitting team account, the northeast Washington wolf-
23 livestock management account, the pollution liability insurance
24 program trust account, the public use general aviation airport loan
25 revolving account, the regional transportation investment district
26 account, the rural rehabilitation account, the Washington sexual
27 assault kit account, the stadium and exhibition center account, the
28 youth athletic facility account, the self-insurance revolving fund,
29 the children's trust fund, the Washington horse racing commission
30 Washington bred owners' bonus fund and breeder awards account, the
31 Washington horse racing commission class C purse fund account, the
32 individual development account program account, the Washington horse
33 racing commission operating account, the life sciences discovery
34 fund, the Washington state library-archives building account, the
35 reduced cigarette ignition propensity account, the center for deaf
36 and hard of hearing youth account, the school for the blind account,
37 the public employees' and retirees' insurance reserve fund, the
38 school employees' benefits board insurance reserve fund, the public
39 employees' and retirees' insurance account, the school employees'
40 insurance account, the long-term services and supports trust account,

1 the radiation perpetual maintenance fund, the Indian health
2 improvement reinvestment account, the department of licensing tuition
3 recovery trust fund, the student achievement council tuition recovery
4 trust fund, the tuition recovery trust fund, the industrial insurance
5 premium refund account, the mobile home park relocation fund, the
6 natural resources deposit fund, the Washington state health insurance
7 pool account, the federal forest revolving account, the Washington
8 saves administrative trust account, and the library operations
9 account.

10 (c) The following accounts and funds must receive 80 percent of
11 their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or
12 fund's average daily balance for the period: The advance right-of-way
13 revolving fund, the advanced environmental mitigation revolving
14 account, the federal narcotics asset forfeitures account, the high
15 occupancy vehicle account, the local rail service assistance account,
16 and the miscellaneous transportation programs account.

17 (d) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts
18 or funds not statutorily required to be held in the custody of the
19 state treasurer that deposits funds into a fund or account in the
20 custody of the state treasurer pursuant to an agreement with the
21 office of the state treasurer shall receive its proportionate share
22 of earnings based upon each account's or fund's average daily balance
23 for the period.

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

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4 for the period.

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6 Constitution, no trust accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings
7 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act are necessary
9 for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or
10 safety, or support of the state government and its existing public
11 institutions, and take effect immediately.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Section 2 of this act expires July 1,
13 2030.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Section 3 of this act takes effect July 1,
15 2030.

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