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1 AN ACT Relating to calculating student enrollment for local
2 effort assistance; and amending RCW 28A.500.015.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.500.015 and 2022 c 108 s 4 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Beginning in calendar year ((2020)) 2026 and each calendar
7 year thereafter, the state must provide state local effort assistance
8 funding to supplement school district enrichment levies as provided
9 in this section.

10 (2)(a) For an eligible school district with an actual enrichment
11 levy rate that is less than one dollar and fifty cents per thousand
12 dollars of assessed value in the school district, the annual local
13 effort assistance funding is equal to the school district's maximum
14 local effort assistance multiplied by a fraction equal to the school
15 district's actual enrichment levy rate divided by one dollar and
16 fifty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value in the school
17 district.

18 (b) For an eligible school district with an actual enrichment
19 levy rate that is equal to or greater than one dollar and fifty cents
20 per thousand dollars of assessed value in the school district, the

1 annual local effort assistance funding is equal to the school
2 district's maximum local effort assistance.

3 (c) Beginning in calendar year 2022, for state-tribal education
4 compact schools established under chapter 28A.715 RCW, the annual
5 local effort assistance funding is equal to the actual enrichment
6 levy per student as calculated by the superintendent of public
7 instruction for the previous year for the school district in which
8 the state-tribal education compact school is located, up to a maximum
9 per student amount of one thousand five hundred fifty dollars as
10 increased by inflation from the 2019 calendar year, multiplied by the
11 student enrollment of the state-tribal education compact school in
12 the prior school year.

13 (3) The state local effort assistance funding provided under this
14 section is not part of the state's program of basic education deemed
15 by the legislature to comply with the requirements of Article IX,
16 section 1 of the state Constitution.

17 (4) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
18 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

19 (a) "Eligible school district" means a school district where the
20 amount generated by a levy of one dollar and fifty cents per thousand
21 dollars of assessed value in the school district, divided by the
22 school district's total student enrollment in the prior school year,
23 is less than the state local effort assistance threshold.

24 (b) For the purpose of this section, "inflation" means, for any
25 school year, the rate of the yearly increase of the previous calendar
26 year's annual average consumer price index for all urban consumers,
27 Seattle area, using the official current base compiled by the bureau
28 of labor statistics, United States department of labor.

29 (c) "Maximum local effort assistance" means the difference
30 between the following:

31 (i) The school district's actual prior school year enrollment
32 multiplied by the state local effort assistance threshold; and

33 (ii) The amount generated by a levy of one dollar and fifty cents
34 per thousand dollars of assessed value in the school district.

35 (d) "Prior school year" means the most recent school year
36 completed prior to the year in which the state local effort
37 assistance funding is to be distributed, except as follows:

38 (i) In the 2022 calendar year, if 2019-20 school year average
39 annual full-time equivalent enrollment is greater than the school

1 district's 2020-21 school year average annual full-time equivalent
2 enrollment, "prior school year" means the 2019-20 school year.

3 (ii) In the 2023 calendar year, if 2019-20 school year average
4 annual full-time equivalent enrollment is greater than the school
5 district's 2021-22 school year average annual full-time equivalent
6 enrollment, "prior school year" means the 2019-20 school year.

7 (e) "State local effort assistance threshold" means one thousand
8 five hundred fifty dollars per student, increased for inflation
9 beginning in calendar year 2020.

10 (f) "Student enrollment" means the average annual full-time
11 equivalent student enrollment, excluding an amount equal to 33
12 percent of a school district's full-time equivalent student
13 enrollment for alternative learning experience courses, as determined
14 under RCW 28A.232.020, if a school district's alternative learning
15 experience enrollment exceeds 33 percent of the school district's
16 average annual full-time equivalent student enrollment.

17 (5) For districts in a high/nonhigh relationship, the enrollments
18 of the nonhigh students attending the high school shall only be
19 counted by the nonhigh school districts for purposes of funding under
20 this section.

21 (6) For school districts participating in an innovation academy
22 cooperative established under RCW 28A.340.080, enrollments of
23 students attending the academy shall be adjusted so that each
24 participant district receives its proportional share of student
25 enrollments for purposes of funding under this section.

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