
SENATE BILL 6125

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By Senators Wellman, Bateman, and Nobles

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1 AN ACT Relating to enrollment stabilization funding; creating a
2 new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) If a local education agency's combined
5 state revenue generated in the 2026-27 school year is less than what
6 its combined state revenue would be using 2025-26 annual average
7 enrollment values and formulas in place for the 2026-27 school year,
8 then the superintendent of public instruction must provide a 2026-27
9 enrollment stabilization amount to the local education agency in the
10 2026-27 school year.

11 (2) If a local education agency's combined state revenue
12 generated in the 2027-28 school year is less than what its combined
13 state revenue would be using 2025-26 annual average enrollment values
14 and formulas in place for the 2027-28 school year, then the
15 superintendent of public instruction must provide a 2027-28
16 enrollment stabilization amount to the local education agency in the
17 2027-28 school year.

18 (3) For purposes of this section, the following definitions
19 apply:

20 (a) "2026-27 enrollment stabilization amount" is equal to a local
21 education agency's combined state revenue that would be generated

1 using 2025-26 annual average enrollment values and formulas in place
2 for the 2026-27 school year minus its combined state revenue
3 generated in the 2026-27 school year, if the difference is greater
4 than zero;

5 (b) "2027-28 enrollment stabilization amount" is equal to a local
6 education agency's combined state revenue that would be generated
7 using 2025-26 annual average enrollment values and formulas in place
8 for the 2027-28 school year minus its combined state revenue
9 generated in the 2027-28 school year, if the difference is greater
10 than zero;

11 (c) "Combined state revenue" means the combined amount from the
12 following allocations to local education agencies:

13 (i) General apportionment allocations as described in RCW
14 28A.150.260;

15 (ii) Special education allocations as described in RCW
16 28A.150.390;

17 (iii) Learning assistance program allocations as described in RCW
18 28A.150.260(10)(a). Learning assistance program allocations based on
19 2025-26 enrollments must include the prior years' free or reduced-
20 price meal percentages used for allocations in the 2026-27 or 2027-28
21 school years;

22 (iv) Transitional bilingual program allocations as described in
23 RCW 28A.150.260(10)(b);

24 (v) Highly capable program allocations as described in RCW
25 28A.150.260(10)(c);

26 (vi) Career and technical education and skill centers allocations
27 as described in RCW 28A.150.260 (4)(c), (7), and (9);

28 (vii) Allocations to support institutional education for
29 residential schools as defined in RCW 28A.190.005 and of juveniles in
30 detention facilities as identified by RCW 28A.190.010;

31 (viii) Dropout reengagement program allocations for eligible
32 students under RCW 28A.175.100;

33 (ix) Alternative learning experience allocations as described in
34 RCW 28A.232.020; and

35 (x) Running start allocations as described in RCW 28A.600.310;
36 and

37 (d) "Local education agency" means a school district, charter
38 school established under chapter 28A.710 RCW, or state-tribal
39 education compact school subject to chapter 28A.715 RCW.

1 (4) Enrollment stabilization amounts allocated under this section
2 are not part of the state's program of basic education but may be
3 used for any allowable cost within any of the programs.

4 (5) This section expires July 1, 2028.

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