SENATE BILL 6344

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1 AN ACT Relating to school district enrichment levies; and 2 amending RCW 84.52.0531.

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

4 Sec. 1. RCW 84.52.0531 and 2019 c 410 s 2 are each amended to 5 read as follows:

6 (1) Beginning with taxes levied for collection in ((2020)) 2021, 7 the maximum dollar amount which may be levied by or for any school 8 district for enrichment levies under RCW 84.52.053 is equal to ((the 9 lesser of)) either two dollars and fifty cents per thousand dollars 10 of the assessed value of property in the school district or the 11 maximum per-pupil limit. This maximum dollar amount shall be reduced 12 accordingly as provided under RCW 43.09.2856(2).

13 (2) The definitions in this subsection apply to this section 14 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

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

20 (b) "Maximum per-pupil limit" means:

1 (i) Two thousand five hundred dollars, as increased by inflation 2 beginning with property taxes levied for collection in 2020, 3 multiplied by the number of average annual full-time equivalent 4 students enrolled in the school district in the prior school year, 5 for school districts with fewer than forty thousand annual full-time 6 equivalent students enrolled in the school district in the prior 7 school year; or

8 (ii) Three thousand dollars, as increased by inflation beginning 9 with property taxes levied for collection in 2020, multiplied by the 10 number of average annual full-time equivalent students enrolled in 11 the school district in the prior school year, for school districts 12 with forty thousand or more annual full-time equivalent students 13 enrolled in the school district in the prior school year.

14 (c) "Prior school year" means the most recent school year 15 completed prior to the year in which the levies are to be collected.

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

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

(5) Beginning with propositions for enrichment levies for collection in calendar year 2020 and thereafter, a district must receive approval of an enrichment levy expenditure plan under RCW 28A.505.240 before submission of the proposition to the voters.

(6) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop rules
 and regulations and inform school districts of the pertinent data
 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

32 (7) Beginning with taxes levied for collection in 2018, 33 enrichment levy revenues must be deposited in a separate subfund of 34 the school district's general fund pursuant to RCW 28A.320.330, and 35 for the 2018-19 school year are subject to the restrictions of RCW 36 28A.150.276 and the audit requirements of RCW 43.09.2856.

37 (8) Funds collected from levies for transportation vehicles,38 construction, modernization, or remodeling of school facilities as

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- 1 established in RCW 84.52.053 are not subject to the levy limitations
- 2 in subsections (1) through (5) of this section.

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