HOUSE BILL 1093

State of Washington 66th Legislature 2019 Regular Session

By Representative Dolan; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

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1 AN ACT Relating to appropriations for special education programs; 2 and amending RCW 28A.150.390.

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

4 Sec. 1. RCW 28A.150.390 and 2018 c 266 s 102 are each amended to 5 read as follows:

6 (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall submit to each 7 regular session of the legislature during an odd-numbered year a programmed budget request for special education programs for students 8 9 with disabilities. Funding for programs operated by local school 10 districts shall be on an excess cost basis from appropriations 11 provided by the legislature for special education programs for 12 students with disabilities and shall take account of state funds 13 accruing through RCW 28A.150.260 (4)(a), (5), (6), and (8) and 28A.150.415. 14

15 (2) The excess cost allocation to school districts shall be based 16 on the following:

(a) A district's annual average headcount enrollment of students ages birth through four and those five year olds not yet enrolled in kindergarten who are eligible for and enrolled in special education, multiplied by the district's base allocation per full-time equivalent student, multiplied by 1.15; ((and))

(b) A district's annual average ((full-time equivalent basic 1 education enrollment, multiplied by the district's funded enrollment 2 percent)) enrollment of resident students who are eligible for and 3 enrolled in special education reported by bands of weekly minutes of 4 special education and related services, multiplied by the district's 5 6 base allocation ((per full-time equivalent student)), multiplied by ((0.9609)) the special education excess cost multiplier rate for each 7 8 band;

9 <u>(c) For the weekly minutes of service, districts shall report</u> 10 <u>through the special education enrollment reporting system, the sum of</u> 11 <u>the quantifiable special education services, related services, and</u> 12 <u>supplemental aids and supports, per each individualized education</u> 13 program in effect each month;

14 (d) For allocation purposes, each special education excess cost 15 multiplier rate is linked to the federally reported least restrictive 16 environment designation, under 34 C.F.R. Sec. 300.114, within the 17 individualized education program; and

18 (e) The special education excess cost multipliers, determined for 19 each combination band of weekly minutes of special education and 20 related services and least restrictive environment incentivizes the 21 provision of special education and related services within the least 22 restrictive environment for each student, determined by the 23 individualized education program team, and may not result in 24 placements that violate 34 C.F.R. Sec. 300.114(a).

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(3) As used in this section:

(a) "Base allocation" means the total state allocation to all
schools in the district generated by the distribution formula under
RCW 28A.150.260 (4)(a), (5), (6), and (8), and the allocated funding
<u>under RCW</u> 28A.150.415, to be divided by the district's full-time
equivalent enrollment.

31 (b) "((Basic education)) Enrollment of resident students" means 32 enrollment of resident students <u>kindergarten through twenty-one years</u> 33 <u>of age</u>, including nonresident students enrolled under RCW 28A.225.225 34 and students from nonhigh districts enrolled under RCW 28A.225.210 35 and excluding students residing in another district enrolled as part 36 of an interdistrict cooperative program under RCW 28A.225.250.

37 (c) (("Enrollment percent" means the district's resident special 38 education annual average enrollment, excluding students ages birth 39 through four and those five year olds not yet enrolled in 1 kindergarten, as a percent of the district's annual average full-time

2 equivalent basic education enrollment.

3 (d) "Funded enrollment percent" means the lesser of the 4 district's actual enrollment percent or thirteen and five-tenths 5 percent)) "Special education excess cost multiplier" means the factor 6 assigned to each band of services based on weekly minutes of special 7 education and related services and service setting.

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