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AN ACT Relating to providing free school meals for all; amending 1 2 28A.150.260, 28A.150.260, 28A.405.415, and RCW 28A.235.300; 3 reenacting and amending RCW 28A.235.160; adding new sections to 28A.235 4 chapter RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 28A.235.140; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration 5 6 date.

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

Sec. 1. (1) The legislature recognizes that 8 NEW SECTION. 9 adequate childhood nutrition is indispensable for proper intellectual, academic, and social development. However, 10 many 11 Washington families continue to face economic and other challenges impact students' ability to consistently access nutritional 12 that 13 meals that support their growth and well-being.

14 (2) The legislature has acknowledged the widespread but often concealed harms of childhood hunger by enacting legislation in recent 15 years to address this issue. For example, in 2018, the legislature 16 17 established a breakfast after the bell program in high-needs schools, in 2021, the legislature eliminated lunch copays for qualifying 18 students, and in 2022, the legislature expanded school participation 19 in the federal community eligibility provision, a program that 20 21 provides no-charge meals for all students at participating schools.

1 (3) These efforts and others have significantly increased student 2 access to meals provided without charge, but the problems of food 3 insecurity, with its lasting physiological and psychological harms, 4 remain a reality for too many families, too many schools, and too 5 many children.

6 (4) The legislature recognizes also that the myriad difficulties of the COVID-19 pandemic uniquely impacted school districts and food 7 delivery systems. While the challenges of responding to the 8 unprecedented disruptions of a global pandemic continue to 9 reverberate in public schools, school districts, through hard work, 10 11 federal approvals, and appropriate financial supports, successfully 12 demonstrated their ability to provide meals without charge to all requesting students. However, federal provisions permitting meals to 13 be served at no charge to all students during the school year have 14 expired, so the task of broadly responding to student meal needs has 15 16 returned to the states.

17 (5) Although childhood hunger persists, the legislature recognizes that the state and school districts have the needed 18 19 infrastructure and ability to respond to the issue, including the potential to access or leverage federal funds that may become 20 21 available for school meal programs. The legislature, therefore, intends to continue its multiyear effort to eliminate hunger and food 22 23 insecurity within public schools by expanding the provision of meals without charge to the state's youngest K-12 students. 24

25 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 28A.235
26 RCW to read as follows:

27 (1) (a) In accordance with (b) and (c) of this subsection, beginning with the 2023-24 school year, each school district shall 28 provide breakfast and lunch each school day to any student who 29 30 requests a breakfast, lunch, or both. The school district must 31 provide the meals at no charge to the student and without consideration of the student's eligibility for a federally reimbursed 32 free or reduced-price meal. Meals provided under this section must be 33 nutritiously adequate and qualify for federal reimbursement under the 34 35 school lunch program or the school breakfast program, and students are not eligible for more than one meal in a meal service period. 36

37 (b) The requirements in (a) of this subsection apply to public 38 schools in which:

(i) Educational services are provided to students in any of the
 grades of kindergarten through four; and

3 (ii) 30 percent or more of the enrolled students meet federal4 eligibility requirements for free or reduced-price lunches.

5 (c) The obligation to provide breakfast and lunch to students 6 under this subsection (1):

7 (i) Begins in the 2023-24 school year for schools in which 40 8 percent or more of the enrolled students meet federal eligibility 9 requirements for free or reduced-price lunches;

10 (ii) Begins in the 2024-25 school year for schools in which the 11 percentage of enrolled students that meet federal eligibility 12 requirements for free or reduced-price lunches is at least 30 percent 13 and less than 40 percent; and

14 (iii) Does not apply to schools participating in the United 15 States department of agriculture's community eligibility provision 16 under RCW 28A.235.300 that have not completed the duration of the 17 provision's four-year cycle.

(2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall 18 19 reimburse school districts, subject to the requirements of subsection (1) of this section, on a per meal reimbursement basis for meals that 20 are not already reimbursed at the United States department of 21 22 agriculture's free rate. The additional state reimbursement amount must be the difference between the United States department 23 of agriculture's free rate and the United States department 24 of 25 agriculture's paid rate.

(3) School districts, in accordance with RCW 28A.235.160, may be
 exempted from the requirements of this section.

(4) To maximize federal funding, school districts must continue collecting free and reduced-price meal eligibility applications where applicable and run direct certification at least monthly in accordance with RCW 28A.235.280. School districts shall also annually monitor data for eligibility in the United States department of agriculture community eligibility provision and apply where eligible as required in RCW 28A.235.300.

35 (5) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions 36 apply:

37 (a) "Public school" has the same meaning as in RCW 28A.150.010.

38 (b) "School breakfast program" has the same meaning as in RCW 39 28A.235.160.

1 (c) "School lunch program" has the same meaning as in RCW 2 28A.235.160.

3 (6) This section governs school operation and management under 4 RCW 28A.710.040 and 28A.715.020, and applies to charter schools 5 established under chapter 28A.710 RCW and state-tribal education 6 compact schools established under chapter 28A.715 RCW to the same 7 extent as it applies to school districts.

8 (7) The requirements in this section shall lapse if the federal 9 reimbursement for any school breakfasts or lunches is eliminated.

10 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 28A.235
11 RCW to read as follows:

Public schools, as defined in RCW 28A.150.010, providing school meals to students are encouraged to buy Washington produced food whenever practicable and cost is comparable to non-Washington produced food.

16 Sec. 4. RCW 28A.235.160 and 2021 c 74 s 2 are each reenacted and 17 amended to read as follows:

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(1) For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Free or reduced-price lunch" means a lunch served by a school district participating in the national school lunch program to a student qualifying for national school lunch program benefits based on family size-income criteria.

(b) "Lunch copay" means the amount a student who qualifies for a reduced-price lunch is charged for a reduced-price lunch.

25 (c) "School breakfast program" means a program meeting federal 26 requirements defined in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1773.

(d) "School lunch program" means a meal program meeting the requirements defined ((by the superintendent of public instruction under subsection (2)(b) of this section)) in Title 42 U.S.C. Sec. <u>1751 et seq</u>.

31 (e) "Severe-need school" means a school that qualifies for a 32 severe-need school reimbursement rate from federal funds for school 33 breakfasts served to children from low-income families.

34 (f) "Summer food service program" means a meal or snack program 35 meeting the requirements defined by the superintendent of public 36 instruction under subsection (4) of this section.

37 (2) School districts shall implement a school lunch program in38 each public school in the district in which educational services are

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provided to children in any of the grades of kindergarten through 1 four and in which ((twenty-five)) 25 percent or more of the enrolled 2 students qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch. In accordance 3 with section 2 of this act, school districts shall provide meals at 4 no charge to all requesting students at public schools that meet the 5 6 criteria established in section 2(1) (b) and (c) of this act. In developing and implementing its school lunch program and school 7 breakfast program, each school district may consult with an advisory 8 committee including school staff, community members, 9 and others 10 appointed by the board of directors of the district.

11 (((a) Applications to determine free or reduced-price lunch eligibility shall be distributed and collected for all households of 12 children in schools containing any of the grades kindergarten through 13 four and in which there are no United States department of 14 15 agriculture child nutrition programs. The applications that are collected must be reviewed to determine eligibility for free or 16 17 reduced-price lunches. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require completion or submission of the application by a parent or 18 19 quardian.

20 (b) Using the most current available school data on free and 21 reduced-price lunch eligibility, the superintendent of public 22 instruction shall adopt a schedule for implementation of school lunch 23 programs at each school required to offer such a program under 24 subsection (2) of this section as follows:

(i) Schools not offering a school lunch program and in which twenty-five percent or more of the enrolled students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch shall implement a school lunch program not later than the second day of school in the 2005-06 school year and in each school year thereafter.

30 (ii) The superintendent shall establish minimum standards 31 defining the lunch meals to be served, and such standards must be 32 sufficient to qualify the meals for any available federal 33 reimbursement.

34 (iii) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to prevent a 35 school from implementing a school lunch program earlier than the 36 school is required to do so.))

37 (3) To the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose, each 38 school district shall implement a school breakfast program in each 39 school where more than ((forty)) <u>40</u> percent of students eligible to 40 participate in the school lunch program qualify for free or reduced-

1 price meal reimbursement ((by the school year 2005-06)). Beginning in the 2023-24 school year and in accordance with section 2 of this act, 2 school districts shall implement a breakfast program in each school 3 providing meals at no charge to students. For the second year before 4 the implementation of the district's school breakfast program, and 5 6 for each subsequent school year, each school district shall submit data enabling the superintendent of public instruction to determine 7 which schools within the district will qualify for this requirement. 8 Schools where lunch programs start after the 2003-04 school year, 9 where ((forty)) 30 percent of students qualify for free or reduced-10 price meals, must begin school breakfast programs the second year 11 12 following the start of a lunch program.

(4) Each school district shall implement a summer food service 13 program in each public school in the district in which a summer 14 program of academic, enrichment, or remedial services is provided and 15 in which 50 percent or more of the children enrolled in the school 16 17 ((qualify)) meet federal eligibility requirements for free or 18 reduced-price lunch. However, the superintendent of public instruction shall develop rules establishing criteria to permit an 19 exemption for a school that can demonstrate availability of an 20 21 adequate alternative summer feeding program. Sites providing meals should be open to all children in the area, unless a compelling case 22 23 can be made to limit access to the program. The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt a definition of compelling case and a 24 25 schedule for implementation as follows:

26 (a) Beginning the summer of 2005 if the school currently offers a27 school breakfast or lunch program; or

(b) Beginning the summer following the school year during which a school implements a school lunch program under ((subsection (2)(b) of)) this section.

(5) Schools not offering a breakfast or lunch program may meet the meal service requirements of subsections (2)(((b))) and (4) of this section through any of the following:

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(a) Preparing the meals on-site;

35 (b) Receiving the meals from another school that participates in 36 a United States department of agriculture child nutrition program; or

37 (c) Contracting with a nonschool entity that is a licensed food38 service establishment under RCW 69.07.010.

39 (6) Requirements that school districts have a school lunch,40 breakfast, or summer nutrition program under this section shall not

1 create or imply any state funding obligation for these costs. The 2 legislature does not intend to include these programs within the 3 state's obligation for basic education funding under Article IX of 4 the state Constitution.

5 (7) Beginning in the 2021-22 school year, school districts with 6 school lunch programs must eliminate lunch copays for students in 7 prekindergarten through 12th grade who qualify for reduced-price 8 lunches, and the superintendent of public instruction must allocate 9 funding for this purpose.

10 (8) The requirements in this section shall lapse if the federal 11 reimbursement for any school breakfasts, lunches, or summer food 12 service programs is eliminated.

(9) School districts may be exempted from the requirements of 13 this section and section 2 of this act by showing good cause why they 14 cannot comply with the office of the superintendent of public 15 16 instruction to the extent that such exemption is not in conflict with 17 federal or state law. The process and criteria by which school districts ((are)) may be exempted shall be developed by rule and 18 revised if necessary by the office of the superintendent of public 19 instruction in consultation with representatives of school directors, 20 21 school food service, community-based organizations, and ((the 22 Washington state PTA)) a state organization of parents and teachers.

23 Sec. 5. RCW 28A.150.260 and 2022 c 109 s 3 are each amended to 24 read as follows:

The purpose of this section is to provide for the allocation of state funding that the legislature deems necessary to support school districts in offering the minimum instructional program of basic education under RCW 28A.150.220. The allocation shall be determined as follows:

30 (1) The governor shall and the superintendent of public 31 instruction may recommend to the legislature a formula for the 32 distribution of a basic education instructional allocation for each 33 common school district.

(2) (a) The distribution formula under this section shall be for allocation purposes only. Except as may be required under subsections (4) (b) and (c), (5) (b), and (9) of this section, chapter 28A.155, 28A.165, 28A.180, or 28A.185 RCW, or federal laws and regulations, nothing in this section requires school districts to use basic education instructional funds to implement a particular instructional

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1 approach or service. Nothing in this section requires school 2 districts to maintain a particular classroom teacher-to-student ratio 3 or other staff-to-student ratio or to use allocated funds to pay for 4 particular types or classifications of staff. Nothing in this section 5 entitles an individual teacher to a particular teacher planning 6 period.

7 (b) To promote transparency in state funding allocations, the superintendent of public instruction must report state per-pupil 8 allocations for each school district for the general apportionment, 9 special education, learning assistance, transitional 10 bilingual, 11 highly capable, and career and technical education programs. The 12 superintendent must report this information in a user-friendly format on the main page of the office's website. School districts must 13 include a link to the superintendent's per-pupil allocations report 14 on the main page of the school district's website. In addition, the 15 16 budget documents published by the legislature for the enacted omnibus 17 operating appropriations act must report statewide average per-pupil 18 allocations for general apportionment and the categorical programs listed in this subsection. 19

(3) (a) To the extent the technical details of the formula have 20 21 been adopted by the legislature and except when specifically provided as a school district allocation, the distribution formula for the 22 23 basic education instructional allocation shall be based on minimum staffing and nonstaff costs the legislature deems necessary to 24 25 support instruction and operations in prototypical schools serving 26 high, middle, and elementary school students as provided in this section. The use of prototypical schools for the distribution formula 27 28 does not constitute legislative intent that schools should be 29 operated or structured in a similar fashion as the prototypes. Prototypical schools illustrate the level of resources needed to 30 31 operate a school of a particular size with particular types and grade 32 levels of students using commonly understood terms and inputs, such as class size, hours of instruction, and various categories of school 33 staff. It is the intent that the funding allocations to school 34 districts be adjusted from the school prototypes based on the actual 35 36 number of annual average full-time equivalent students in each grade level at each school in the district and not based on the grade-level 37 configuration of the school to the extent that data is available. The 38 39 allocations shall be further adjusted from the school prototypes with

minimum allocations for small schools and to reflect other factors
 identified in the omnibus appropriations act.

3 (b) For the purposes of this section, prototypical schools are 4 defined as follows:

5 (i) A prototypical high school has ((six hundred)) 600 average 6 annual full-time equivalent students in grades nine through 7 ((twelve)) 12;

8 (ii) A prototypical middle school has ((four hundred thirty-two)) 9 <u>432</u> average annual full-time equivalent students in grades seven and 10 eight; and

(iii) A prototypical elementary school has ((four hundred)) 400 average annual full-time equivalent students in grades kindergarten through six.

(4) (a) (i) The minimum allocation for each level of prototypical school shall be based on the number of full-time equivalent classroom teachers needed to provide instruction over the minimum required annual instructional hours under RCW 28A.150.220 and provide at least one teacher planning period per school day, and based on the following general education average class size of full-time equivalent students per teacher:

21	General edu	cation
22	average clas	s size
23	Grades K-3	17.00
24	Grade 4	27.00
25	Grades 5-6	27.00
26	Grades 7-8	28.53
27	Grades 9-12	28.74

(ii) The minimum class size allocation for each prototypical high 28 29 school shall also provide for enhanced funding for class size reduction for two laboratory science classes within grades nine 30 through ((twelve)) 12 per full-time equivalent high school student 31 multiplied by a laboratory science course factor of 0.0833, based on 32 the number of full-time equivalent classroom teachers needed to 33 provide instruction over the minimum required annual instructional 34 35 hours in RCW 28A.150.220, and providing at least one teacher planning period per school day: 36

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(b) (i) Beginning September 1, 2019, funding for average K-3 class 1 2 sizes in this subsection (4) may be provided only to the extent of, 3 and proportionate to, the school district's demonstrated actual class 4 size in grades K-3, up to the funded class sizes. 5 (ii) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall develop rules to implement this subsection (4)(b). 6 7 (c) (i) The minimum allocation for each prototypical middle and high school shall also provide for full-time equivalent classroom 8 9 teachers based on the following number of full-time equivalent 10 students per teacher in career and technical education: 11 Career and technical 12 education average 13 class size 14 Approved career and technical education offered at 15 23.00 16 Skill center programs meeting the standards established 17 by the office of the superintendent of public 18 19.00 19 (ii) Funding allocated under this subsection (4)(c) is subject to 20 RCW 28A.150.265. 21 In addition, the omnibus appropriations act shall at (d) а 22 minimum specify: 23 (i) A high-poverty average class size in schools where more than 24 ((fifty)) 50 percent of the students are eligible for free and 25 reduced-price meals; and 26 (ii) A specialty average class size for advanced placement and 27 international baccalaureate courses. 28 (5) (a) The minimum allocation for each level of prototypical school shall include allocations for the following types of staff in 29 30 addition to classroom teachers: 31 Elementary Middle High 32 School School School 33 Principals, assistant principals, and other certificated building-level 34 administrators. 1.253 1.353 1.880 35 Teacher-librarians, a function that includes information literacy, technology, 36 and media to support school library media programs. 0.663 0.519 0.523

1	Teaching assistance, including any aspect of educational instructional services			
2	provided by classified employees.	0.936	0.700	0.652
3	Office support and other noninstructional aides.	2.012	2.325	3.269
4	Custodians	1.657	1.942	2.965
5	Nurses	0.246	0.336	0.339
6	Social workers	0.132	0.033	0.052
7	Psychologists	0.046	0.009	0.021
8	Counselors	0.660	1.383	2.706
9	Classified staff providing student and staff safety.	0.079	0.092	0.141
10	Parent involvement coordinators.	0.0825	0.00	0.00

11 (b) (i) The superintendent may only allocate funding, up to the 12 for nurses, combined minimum allocations, social workers, 13 psychologists, counselors, classified staff providing student and staff safety, and parent involvement coordinators under (a) and (c) 14 15 of this subsection to the extent of and proportionate to a school district's demonstrated actual ratios of: Full-time equivalent 16 17 physical, social, and emotional support staff to full-time equivalent 18 students.

19 (ii) The superintendent must adopt rules to implement this 20 subsection (5)(b) and the rules must require school districts to 21 prioritize funding allocated as required by (b)(i) of this subsection 22 for physical, social, and emotional support staff who hold a valid educational staff associate certificate appropriate for the staff's 23 24 role.

25 (iii) For the purposes of this subsection (5)(b), "physical, 26 social, and emotional support staff" include nurses, social workers, 27 psychologists, counselors, classified staff providing student and 28 staff safety, parent involvement coordinators, and other school 29 district employees and contractors who provide physical, social, and 30 emotional support to students as defined by the superintendent.

31 (c) For the 2023-24 school year, in addition to the minimum 32 allocation under (a) of this subsection, the following additional 33 staffing units for each level of prototypical school will be provided: 34

35		Elementary	Middle	High
36		School	School	School
37	Nurses	0.170	0.276	0.243
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1	Social workers.	0.090	0.027	0.037
2	Psychologists	0.029	0.007	0.014
3	Counselors	0.167	0.167	0.176

4 (6)(a) The minimum staffing allocation for each school district
5 to provide district-wide support services shall be allocated per one
6 thousand annual average full-time equivalent students in grades K-12
7 as follows:

8	Staff per 1,000
9	K-12 students
10	Technology
11	Facilities, maintenance, and grounds 1.813
12	Warehouse, laborers, and mechanics 0.332

(b) The minimum allocation of staff units for each school district to support certificated and classified staffing of central administration shall be 5.30 percent of the staff units generated under subsections (4)(a) and (5) of this section and (a) of this subsection.

18 (7) The distribution formula shall include staffing allocations 19 to school districts for career and technical education and skill 20 center administrative and other school-level certificated staff, as 21 specified in the omnibus appropriations act.

(8) (a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, the minimum allocation for each school district shall include allocations per annual average full-time equivalent student for the following materials, supplies, and operating costs as provided in the 2017-18 school year, after which the allocations shall be adjusted annually for inflation as specified in the omnibus appropriations act:

28	Per annual average
29	full-time equivalent student
30	in grades K-12
31	Technology
32	Utilities and insurance
33	Curriculum and textbooks
34	Other supplies
35	Library materials
36	Instructional professional development for certificated and
37	classified staff

1 \$176.01 2 Security and central office administration. \$121.94 3 (b) In addition to the amounts provided in (a) of this 4 subsection, beginning in the 2014-15 school year, the omnibus appropriations act shall provide the following minimum allocation for 5 each annual average full-time equivalent student in grades nine 6 through ((twelve)) 12 for the following materials, supplies, and 7 operating costs, to be adjusted annually for inflation: 8 9 Per annual average 10 full-time equivalent student in grades 9-12 11 12 \$36.35 13 \$39.02 14 \$77.28 15 \$5.56 16 Instructional professional development for certificated and 17 (9) In addition to the amounts provided in subsection (8) of this 18 section and subject to RCW 28A.150.265, the omnibus appropriations 19 20 act shall provide an amount based on full-time equivalent student enrollment in each of the following: 21 22 (a) Exploratory career and technical education courses for students in grades seven through ((twelve)) 12; 23 24 (b) Preparatory career and technical education courses for students in grades nine through ((twelve)) 12 offered in a high 25 school; and 26 (c) Preparatory career and technical education courses for 27 28 students in grades ((eleven)) 11 and ((twelve)) 12 offered through a skill center. 29 30 (10) In addition to the allocations otherwise provided under this 31 section, amounts shall be provided to support the following programs 32 and services: (a) (i) To provide supplemental instruction and services for 33 students who are not meeting academic standards through the learning 34 assistance program under RCW 28A.165.005 through 28A.165.065, 35 allocations shall be based on the greater of either: The district 36 percentage of students in kindergarten through grade ((twelve)) 12 37 38 who were eligible for free or reduced-price meals for the school year immediately preceding the district's participation, in whole or part, 39

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1 in the United States department of agriculture's community eligibility provision, or the district percentage of students in 2 grades K-12 who were eligible for free or reduced-price meals in the 3 prior school year. The minimum allocation for the program shall, 4 except as provided in (a) (iii) of this subsection, provide for each 5 6 level of prototypical school resources to provide, on a statewide average, 2.3975 hours per week in extra instruction with a class size 7 of ((fifteen)) 15 learning assistance program students per teacher. 8

(ii) In addition to funding allocated under (a)(i) of this 9 subsection, to provide supplemental instruction and services for 10 11 students who are not meeting academic standards in qualifying schools. A qualifying school, except as provided in (a) (iv) of this 12 subsection, means a school in which the three-year rolling average of 13 14 the prior year total annual average enrollment that qualifies for free or reduced-price meals equals or exceeds ((fifty)) 50 percent or 15 16 more of its total annual average enrollment. A school continues to 17 meet the definition of a qualifying school if the school: 18 Participates in the United States department of agriculture's 19 community eligibility provision; and met the definition of a qualifying school in the year immediately preceding their 20 participation. The minimum allocation for this additional high 21 poverty-based allocation must provide for each level of prototypical 22 23 school resources to provide, on a statewide average, 1.1 hours per week in extra instruction with a class size of ((fifteen)) 15 24 25 learning assistance program students per teacher, under RCW 28A.165.055, school districts must distribute the high poverty-based 26 27 allocation to the schools that generated the funding allocation.

28 (iii) For the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years, allocations under 29 (a) (i) of this subsection for school districts providing meals at no charge to students under section 2 of this act that are not 30 participating, in whole or in part, in the United States department 31 32 of agriculture's community eligibility provision shall be based on the school district percentage of students in grades K-12 who were 33 eligible for free or reduced-price meals in school years 2019-20 34 through 2022-23 or the prior school year, whichever is greatest. 35

36 (iv) For the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years, a school providing 37 meals at no charge to students under section 2 of this act that is 38 not participating in the department of agriculture's community 39 eligibility provision continues to meet the definition of a 40 qualifying school under (a)(ii) of this subsection if the school met 1 the definition during one year of the 2019-20 through 2022-23 school

2 years, or in the prior school year.

3 (b) (i) To provide supplemental instruction and services for students whose primary language is other than English, allocations 4 shall be based on the head count number of students in each school 5 6 who are eligible for and enrolled in the transitional bilingual instruction program under RCW 28A.180.010 through 28A.180.080. The 7 minimum allocation for each level of prototypical school shall 8 provide resources to provide, on a statewide average, 4.7780 hours 9 per week in extra instruction for students in grades kindergarten 10 11 through six and 6.7780 hours per week in extra instruction for 12 students in grades seven through ((twelve)) 12, with ((fifteen)) 15 transitional bilingual instruction program students per teacher. 13 14 Notwithstanding other provisions of this subsection (10), the actual per-student allocation may be scaled to provide a larger allocation 15 16 for students needing more intensive intervention and a commensurate 17 reduced allocation for students needing less intensive intervention, 18 as detailed in the omnibus appropriations act.

19 To provide supplemental instruction and services for (ii) students who have exited the transitional bilingual program, 20 21 allocations shall be based on the head count number of students in 22 each school who have exited the transitional bilingual program within 23 the previous two years based on their performance on the English 24 proficiency assessment and are eligible for and enrolled in the 25 transitional bilingual instruction program RCW under 28A.180.040(1)(g). The minimum allocation for each prototypical 26 school shall provide resources to provide, on a statewide average, 27 28 3.0 hours per week in extra instruction with ((fifteen)) 15 exited 29 students per teacher.

(c) To provide additional allocations to support programs for 30 31 highly capable students under RCW 28A.185.010 through 28A.185.030, 32 allocations shall be based on 5.0 percent of each school district's 33 full-time equivalent basic education enrollment. The minimum allocation for the programs shall provide resources to provide, on a 34 statewide average, 2.1590 hours per week in extra instruction with 35 36 fifteen highly capable program students per teacher.

(11) The allocations under subsections (4)(a), (5), (6), and (8) of this section shall be enhanced as provided under RCW 28A.150.390 on an excess cost basis to provide supplemental instructional resources for students with disabilities.

1 (12)(a) For the purposes of allocations for prototypical high 2 schools and middle schools under subsections (4) and (10) of this 3 section that are based on the percent of students in the school who 4 are eligible for free and reduced-price meals, the actual percent of 5 such students in a school shall be adjusted by a factor identified in 6 the omnibus appropriations act to reflect underreporting of free and 7 reduced-price meal eligibility among middle and high school students.

8 (b) Allocations or enhancements provided under subsections (4), 9 (7), and (9) of this section for exploratory and preparatory career 10 and technical education courses shall be provided only for courses 11 approved by the office of the superintendent of public instruction 12 under chapter 28A.700 RCW.

(13) (a) This formula for distribution of basic education funds shall be reviewed biennially by the superintendent and governor. The recommended formula shall be subject to approval, amendment or rejection by the legislature.

(b) In the event the legislature rejects the distribution formula recommended by the governor, without adopting a new distribution formula, the distribution formula for the previous school year shall remain in effect.

(c) The enrollment of any district shall be the annual average 21 22 number of full-time equivalent students and part-time students as provided in RCW 28A.150.350, enrolled on the first school day of each 23 month, including students who are in attendance pursuant to RCW 24 25 28A.335.160 and 28A.225.250 who do not reside within the servicing 26 school district. The definition of full-time equivalent student shall be determined by rules of the superintendent of public instruction 27 and shall be included as part of the superintendent's biennial budget 28 request. The definition shall be based on the minimum instructional 29 hour offerings required under RCW 28A.150.220. Any revision of the 30 31 present definition shall not take effect until approved by the house 32 ways and means committee and the senate ways and means committee.

33 (d) The office of financial management shall make a monthly 34 review of the superintendent's reported full-time equivalent students 35 in the common schools in conjunction with RCW 43.62.050.

36 Sec. 6. RCW 28A.150.260 and 2022 c 109 s 4 are each amended to 37 read as follows:

38 The purpose of this section is to provide for the allocation of 39 state funding that the legislature deems necessary to support school

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1 districts in offering the minimum instructional program of basic 2 education under RCW 28A.150.220. The allocation shall be determined 3 as follows:

4 (1) The governor shall and the superintendent of public 5 instruction may recommend to the legislature a formula for the 6 distribution of a basic education instructional allocation for each 7 common school district.

(2) (a) The distribution formula under this section shall be for 8 allocation purposes only. Except as may be required under subsections 9 (4)(b) and (c), (5)(b), and (9) of this section, chapter 28A.155, 10 28A.165, 28A.180, or 28A.185 RCW, or federal laws and regulations, 11 12 nothing in this section requires school districts to use basic education instructional funds to implement a particular instructional 13 approach or service. Nothing in this section requires school 14 15 districts to maintain a particular classroom teacher-to-student ratio 16 or other staff-to-student ratio or to use allocated funds to pay for 17 particular types or classifications of staff. Nothing in this section entitles an individual teacher to a particular teacher planning 18 19 period.

(b) To promote transparency in state funding allocations, the 20 21 superintendent of public instruction must report state per-pupil allocations for each school district for the general apportionment, 22 23 special education, learning assistance, transitional bilingual, highly capable, and career and technical education programs. The 24 25 superintendent must report this information in a user-friendly format on the main page of the office's website. School districts must 26 27 include a link to the superintendent's per-pupil allocations report 28 on the main page of the school district's website. In addition, the budget documents published by the legislature for the enacted omnibus 29 operating appropriations act must report statewide average per-pupil 30 31 allocations for general apportionment and the categorical programs 32 listed in this subsection.

(3) (a) To the extent the technical details of the formula have 33 been adopted by the legislature and except when specifically provided 34 as a school district allocation, the distribution formula for the 35 basic education instructional allocation shall be based on minimum 36 staffing and nonstaff costs the legislature deems necessary to 37 support instruction and operations in prototypical schools serving 38 39 high, middle, and elementary school students as provided in this 40 section. The use of prototypical schools for the distribution formula

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1 does not constitute legislative intent that schools should be operated or structured in a similar fashion as the prototypes. 2 Prototypical schools illustrate the level of resources needed to 3 operate a school of a particular size with particular types and grade 4 levels of students using commonly understood terms and inputs, such 5 6 as class size, hours of instruction, and various categories of school staff. It is the intent that the funding allocations to school 7 districts be adjusted from the school prototypes based on the actual 8 number of annual average full-time equivalent students in each grade 9 level at each school in the district and not based on the grade-level 10 11 configuration of the school to the extent that data is available. The 12 allocations shall be further adjusted from the school prototypes with minimum allocations for small schools and to reflect other factors 13 identified in the omnibus appropriations act. 14

15 (b) For the purposes of this section, prototypical schools are 16 defined as follows:

(i) A prototypical high school has ((six hundred)) <u>600</u> average annual full-time equivalent students in grades nine through ((twelve)) <u>12</u>;

20 (ii) A prototypical middle school has ((four hundred thirty-two))
21 <u>432</u> average annual full-time equivalent students in grades seven and
22 eight; and

(iii) A prototypical elementary school has ((four hundred)) 400 average annual full-time equivalent students in grades kindergarten through six.

(4) (a) (i) The minimum allocation for each level of prototypical school shall be based on the number of full-time equivalent classroom teachers needed to provide instruction over the minimum required annual instructional hours under RCW 28A.150.220 and provide at least one teacher planning period per school day, and based on the following general education average class size of full-time equivalent students per teacher:

33	General educ	cation
34	average class	s size
35	Grades K-3	17.00
36	Grade 4	27.00
37	Grades 5-6	27.00
38	Grades 7-8	28.53
39	Grades 9-12	28.74

1 (ii) The minimum class size allocation for each prototypical high 2 school shall also provide for enhanced funding for class size 3 reduction for two laboratory science classes within grades nine 4 through ((twelve)) 12 per full-time equivalent high school student 5 multiplied by a laboratory science course factor of 0.0833, based on 6 the number of full-time equivalent classroom teachers needed to provide instruction over the minimum required annual instructional 7 hours in RCW 28A.150.220, and providing at least one teacher planning 8 9 period per school day: 10 Laboratory science 11 average class size 12 Grades 9-12. 19.98 (b) (i) Beginning September 1, 2019, funding for average K-3 class 13 sizes in this subsection (4) may be provided only to the extent of, 14 15 and proportionate to, the school district's demonstrated actual class 16 size in grades K-3, up to the funded class sizes. (ii) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall 17 18 develop rules to implement this subsection (4)(b). (c)(i) The minimum allocation for each prototypical middle and 19 20 high school shall also provide for full-time equivalent classroom 21 teachers based on the following number of full-time equivalent 22 students per teacher in career and technical education: 23 Career and technical 24 education average 25 class size Approved career and technical education offered at 26 27 28 Skill center programs meeting the standards established by the office of the superintendent of public 29 30 19.00 31 (ii) Funding allocated under this subsection (4)(c) is subject to 32 RCW 28A.150.265. 33 (d) In addition, the omnibus appropriations act shall at a 34 minimum specify: 35 (i) A high-poverty average class size in schools where more than 36 ((fifty)) 50 percent of the students are eligible for free and 37 reduced-price meals; and

(ii) A specialty average class size for advanced placement and
 international baccalaureate courses.

3 (5)(a) The minimum allocation for each level of prototypical 4 school shall include allocations for the following types of staff in 5 addition to classroom teachers:

6		Elementary	Middle	High
7		School	School	School
8	Principals, assistant principals, and other certificated building-level			
9	administrators	1.253	1.353	1.880
10	Teacher-librarians, a function that includes information literacy, technology,			
11	and media to support school library media programs.	0.663	0.519	0.523
12	Teaching assistance, including any aspect of educational instructional services			
13	provided by classified employees.	0.936	0.700	0.652
14	Office support and other noninstructional aides.	2.012	2.325	3.269
15	Custodians	1.657	1.942	2.965
16	Nurses	0.585	0.888	0.824
17	Social workers	0.311	0.088	0.127
18	Psychologists.	0.104	0.024	0.049
19	Counselors.	0.993	1.716	3.039
20	Classified staff providing student and staff safety.	0.079	0.092	0.141
21	Parent involvement coordinators	0.0825	0.00	0.00

22 (b) (i) The superintendent may only allocate funding, up to the 23 combined minimum allocations, for nurses, social workers, psychologists, counselors, classified staff providing student and 24 25 staff safety, and parent involvement coordinators under (a) of this 26 subsection to the extent of and proportionate to a school district's demonstrated actual ratios of: Full-time equivalent physical, social, 27 28 and emotional support staff to full-time equivalent students.

(ii) The superintendent must adopt rules to implement this subsection (5)(b) and the rules must require school districts to prioritize funding allocated as required by (b)(i) of this subsection for physical, social, and emotional support staff who hold a valid educational staff associate certificate appropriate for the staff's role.

35 (iii) For the purposes of this subsection (5)(b), "physical, 36 social, and emotional support staff" include nurses, social workers,

1 psychologists, counselors, classified staff providing student and 2 staff safety, parent involvement coordinators, and other school 3 district employees and contractors who provide physical, social, and 4 emotional support to students as defined by the superintendent.

5 (6)(a) The minimum staffing allocation for each school district 6 to provide district-wide support services shall be allocated per one 7 thousand annual average full-time equivalent students in grades K-12 8 as follows:

9	Staff per 1,000
10	K-12 students
11	Technology
12	Facilities, maintenance, and grounds 1.813
13	Warehouse, laborers, and mechanics 0.332

(b) The minimum allocation of staff units for each school district to support certificated and classified staffing of central administration shall be 5.30 percent of the staff units generated under subsections (4)(a) and (5) of this section and (a) of this subsection.

19 (7) The distribution formula shall include staffing allocations 20 to school districts for career and technical education and skill 21 center administrative and other school-level certificated staff, as 22 specified in the omnibus appropriations act.

(8) (a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, the minimum allocation for each school district shall include allocations per annual average full-time equivalent student for the following materials, supplies, and operating costs as provided in the 2017-18 school year, after which the allocations shall be adjusted annually for inflation as specified in the omnibus appropriations act:

29	Per annual average
30	full-time equivalent student
31	in grades K-12
32	Technology
33	Utilities and insurance
34	Curriculum and textbooks
35	Other supplies
36	Library materials
37	Instructional professional development for certificated and
38	classified staff
39	Facilities maintenance
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1 Security and central office administration. \$121.94 2 In addition to the amounts provided in (a) of this (b) 3 subsection, beginning in the 2014-15 school year, the omnibus 4 appropriations act shall provide the following minimum allocation for each annual average full-time equivalent student in grades nine 5 through ((twelve)) 12 for the following materials, supplies, and 6 7 operating costs, to be adjusted annually for inflation: 8 Per annual average 9 full-time equivalent student 10 in grades 9-12 11 12 \$39.02 13 \$77.28 \$5.56 14 15 Instructional professional development for certificated and 16 17 (9) In addition to the amounts provided in subsection (8) of this 18 section and subject to RCW 28A.150.265, the omnibus appropriations act shall provide an amount based on full-time equivalent student 19 20 enrollment in each of the following: 21 (a) Exploratory career and technical education courses for 22 students in grades seven through ((twelve)) 12; 23 (b) Preparatory career and technical education courses for 24 students in grades nine through ((twelve)) 12 offered in a high school; and 25 26 (c) Preparatory career and technical education courses for students in grades ((eleven)) 11 and ((twelve)) 12 offered through a 27 28 skill center. (10) In addition to the allocations otherwise provided under this 29 30 section, amounts shall be provided to support the following programs 31 and services: 32 (a) (i) To provide supplemental instruction and services for students who are not meeting academic standards through the learning 33 assistance program under RCW 28A.165.005 through 28A.165.065, 34 allocations shall be based on the greater of either: The district 35 percentage of students in kindergarten through grade ((twelve)) 12 36 who were eligible for free or reduced-price meals for the school year 37 38 immediately preceding the district's participation, in whole or part, 39 in the United States department of agriculture's community p. 22 E2SHB 1238.PL eligibility provision, or the district percentage of students in grades K-12 who were eligible for free or reduced-price meals in the prior school year. The minimum allocation for the program shall, <u>except as provided in (a)(iii) of this subsection</u>, provide for each level of prototypical school resources to provide, on a statewide average, 2.3975 hours per week in extra instruction with a class size of ((fifteen)) 15 learning assistance program students per teacher.

In addition to funding allocated under (a)(i) of this 8 (ii) subsection, to provide supplemental instruction and services for 9 students who are not meeting academic standards in qualifying 10 schools. A qualifying school, except as provided in (a) (iv) of this 11 12 subsection, means a school in which the three-year rolling average of the prior year total annual average enrollment that qualifies for 13 14 free or reduced-price meals equals or exceeds ((fifty)) 50 percent or more of its total annual average enrollment. A school continues to 15 if the 16 meet the definition of a qualifying school school: 17 Participates in the United States department of agriculture's community eligibility provision; and met the definition of a 18 19 qualifying school in the year immediately preceding their participation. The minimum allocation for this additional high 20 21 poverty-based allocation must provide for each level of prototypical 22 school resources to provide, on a statewide average, 1.1 hours per 23 week in extra instruction with a class size of ((fifteen)) 15 learning assistance program students per teacher, under RCW 24 25 28A.165.055, school districts must distribute the high poverty-based 26 allocation to the schools that generated the funding allocation.

27 (iii) For the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years, allocations under 28 (a) (i) of this subsection for school districts providing meals at no charge to students under section 2 of this act that are not 29 participating, in whole or in part, in the United States department 30 31 of agriculture's community eligibility provision shall be based on 32 the school district percentage of students in grades K-12 who were eligible for free or reduced-price meals in school years 2019-20 33 through 2022-23 or the prior school year, whichever is greatest. 34

35 (iv) For the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years, a school providing 36 meals at no charge to students under section 2 of this act that is 37 not participating in the department of agriculture's community 38 eligibility provision continues to meet the definition of a 39 qualifying school under (a)(ii) of this subsection if the school met 1 the definition during one year of the 2019-20 through 2022-23 school

2 years, or in the prior school year.

3 (b) (i) To provide supplemental instruction and services for students whose primary language is other than English, allocations 4 shall be based on the head count number of students in each school 5 6 who are eligible for and enrolled in the transitional bilingual instruction program under RCW 28A.180.010 through 28A.180.080. The 7 minimum allocation for each level of prototypical school shall 8 provide resources to provide, on a statewide average, 4.7780 hours 9 per week in extra instruction for students in grades kindergarten 10 11 through six and 6.7780 hours per week in extra instruction for 12 students in grades seven through ((twelve)) 12, with ((fifteen)) 15 transitional bilingual instruction program students per teacher. 13 14 Notwithstanding other provisions of this subsection (10), the actual per-student allocation may be scaled to provide a larger allocation 15 16 for students needing more intensive intervention and a commensurate 17 reduced allocation for students needing less intensive intervention, 18 as detailed in the omnibus appropriations act.

19 To provide supplemental instruction and services for (ii) students who have exited the transitional bilingual program, 20 21 allocations shall be based on the head count number of students in 22 each school who have exited the transitional bilingual program within 23 the previous two years based on their performance on the English 24 proficiency assessment and are eligible for and enrolled in the 25 transitional bilingual instruction program RCW under 28A.180.040(1)(g). The minimum allocation for each prototypical 26 school shall provide resources to provide, on a statewide average, 27 28 3.0 hours per week in extra instruction with ((fifteen)) 15 exited 29 students per teacher.

(c) To provide additional allocations to support programs for 30 31 highly capable students under RCW 28A.185.010 through 28A.185.030, 32 allocations shall be based on 5.0 percent of each school district's 33 full-time equivalent basic education enrollment. The minimum allocation for the programs shall provide resources to provide, on a 34 statewide average, 2.1590 hours per week in extra instruction with 35 36 fifteen highly capable program students per teacher.

(11) The allocations under subsections (4)(a), (5), (6), and (8) of this section shall be enhanced as provided under RCW 28A.150.390 on an excess cost basis to provide supplemental instructional resources for students with disabilities.

1 (12)(a) For the purposes of allocations for prototypical high 2 schools and middle schools under subsections (4) and (10) of this 3 section that are based on the percent of students in the school who 4 are eligible for free and reduced-price meals, the actual percent of 5 such students in a school shall be adjusted by a factor identified in 6 the omnibus appropriations act to reflect underreporting of free and 7 reduced-price meal eligibility among middle and high school students.

8 (b) Allocations or enhancements provided under subsections (4), 9 (7), and (9) of this section for exploratory and preparatory career 10 and technical education courses shall be provided only for courses 11 approved by the office of the superintendent of public instruction 12 under chapter 28A.700 RCW.

(13) (a) This formula for distribution of basic education funds shall be reviewed biennially by the superintendent and governor. The recommended formula shall be subject to approval, amendment or rejection by the legislature.

(b) In the event the legislature rejects the distribution formula recommended by the governor, without adopting a new distribution formula, the distribution formula for the previous school year shall remain in effect.

21 (c) The enrollment of any district shall be the annual average 22 number of full-time equivalent students and part-time students as provided in RCW 28A.150.350, enrolled on the first school day of each 23 month, including students who are in attendance pursuant to RCW 24 25 28A.335.160 and 28A.225.250 who do not reside within the servicing 26 school district. The definition of full-time equivalent student shall be determined by rules of the superintendent of public instruction 27 28 and shall be included as part of the superintendent's biennial budget request. The definition shall be based on the minimum instructional 29 hour offerings required under RCW 28A.150.220. Any revision of the 30 31 present definition shall not take effect until approved by the house 32 ways and means committee and the senate ways and means committee.

33 (d) The office of financial management shall make a monthly 34 review of the superintendent's reported full-time equivalent students 35 in the common schools in conjunction with RCW 43.62.050.

36 Sec. 7. RCW 28A.405.415 and 2020 c 288 s 5 are each amended to 37 read as follows:

38 (1) Certificated instructional staff who have attained 39 certification from the national board for professional teaching

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standards shall receive a bonus each year in which they maintain the certification. The bonus shall be calculated as follows: The annual bonus shall be ((five thousand dollars)) \$5,000 in the 2007-08 school year. Thereafter, the annual bonus shall increase by inflation, except that the bonus shall not be increased during the 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years.

Certificated instructional staff who 7 have attained (2) (a) certification from the national board for professional teaching 8 standards shall be eligible for bonuses in addition to that provided 9 by subsection (1) of this section if the individual is in an 10 11 instructional assignment in a school in which at least ((seventy)) 70 12 percent of the students qualify for the free and reduced-price lunch 13 program.

(b) An individual is eligible for bonuses authorized under this subsection (2) if he or she is in an instructional assignment in a school that meets the definition of high poverty school as defined in rule by the office of the superintendent of public instruction in the school year immediately preceding the school's participation in the United States department of agriculture's community eligibility provision.

(c) For the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years, individuals are eligible for bonuses under this subsection if they are in an instructional assignment in a school providing meals at no charge to students under section 2 of this act that met the definition of high poverty school as defined in rule by the office of the superintendent of public instruction during the 2022-23 school year.

(3) The amount of the additional bonus under subsection (2) of
this section for those meeting the qualifications of subsection (2)
of this section is ((five thousand dollars)) \$5,000.

30 (4) The bonuses provided under this section are in addition to 31 compensation received under a district's salary schedule adopted in 32 accordance with RCW 28A.405.200 and shall not be included in 33 calculations of a district's average salary and associated salary 34 limitations under RCW 28A.400.200.

35 (5) The bonuses provided under this section shall be paid in a 36 lump sum amount.

37 Sec. 8. RCW 28A.235.300 and 2022 c 7 s 1 are each amended to 38 read as follows:

1 (1) (a) Except as provided otherwise by this section, each public school that has an identified student percentage of at least 40 2 percent((, or an identified student percentage of less than 40 3 percent if authorized by federal law_r)) as determined annually by 4 April 1st, must participate in the United States department of 5 6 agriculture's community eligibility provision in the subsequent school year and throughout the duration of the community eligibility 7 provision's four-year cycle. 8

9 (b) School districts, to the extent practicable, shall group 10 public schools for purposes of maximizing the number of public 11 schools eligible to participate in the community eligibility 12 provision. Individual schools participating in a group may have less 13 than 40 percent identified students, provided the average identified 14 student percentage for the group is at least 40 percent.

(2) Public schools that, through an arrangement with a local entity, provide meals to all students and at no costs to the students are exempt from the requirements of this section.

18 (3) This section governs school operation and management under 19 RCW 28A.710.040 and 28A.715.020, and applies to charter schools 20 established under chapter 28A.710 RCW and state-tribal education 21 compact schools established under chapter 28A.715 RCW to the same 22 extent as it applies to public schools and school districts.

(4) For the purposes of this section, "identified student" means a student who is directly certified for free school meals based on the student's participation in other means-tested assistance programs, and students who are categorically eligible for free school meals without an application and not subject to income verification.

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 programs) and 1993 c 333 s 1 & 1989 c 239 s 2 are each repealed.

30 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 10. If specific funding for the purposes of 31 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not 32 provided by June 30, 2023, in the omnibus appropriations act, this 33 act is null and void.

34 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 11. Section 5 of this act expires September 35 1, 2024.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 12. Section 6 of this act takes effect
 September 1, 2024.

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