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1 AN ACT Relating to local effort assistance for charter schools;
2 amending RCW 28A.500.015; creating new sections; and providing an
3 expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the population
6 of Washington state has become increasingly diverse over the last
7 several decades. The legislature also finds that, as the demographics
8 of our state change, historically and currently marginalized
9 communities still do not have the same opportunities to meet parity
10 as their nonmarginalized counterparts across nearly every measure,
11 including education, poverty, employment, health, and more.
12 Inequities based on race, ethnicity, gender, and other
13 characteristics continue to be deep, pervasive, and persistent, and
14 they come at a great economic and social cost. The legislature finds
15 that the state education system must identify and coordinate
16 effective strategies that focus on eliminating systemic barriers for
17 historically and currently marginalized groups.

18 The legislature finds that charter schools, many of which serve
19 higher percentages of students from marginalized groups than schools
20 statewide, face barriers in access to extracurricular activities and
21 enrichments beyond the program of basic education because they are

1 unable to access local enrichment levies. With this act, the
2 legislature intends to provide state local effort assistance funding
3 to charter schools to improve access to extracurricular activities
4 and enrichments beyond the program of basic education for their
5 students.

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.500.015 and 2019 c 410 s 1 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

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

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

20 (b) For an eligible school district with an actual enrichment
21 levy rate that is equal to or greater than one dollar and fifty cents
22 per thousand dollars of assessed value in the school district, the
23 annual local effort assistance funding is equal to the school
24 district's maximum local effort assistance.

25 (c) Beginning in calendar year 2022, for state-tribal education
26 compact schools established under chapter 28A.715 RCW and charter
27 public schools established under chapter 28A.710 RCW, the annual
28 local effort assistance funding is equal to the actual enrichment
29 levy per student as calculated by the superintendent of public
30 instruction for the previous year for the school district in which
31 the state-tribal education compact school or charter public school is
32 located, up to a maximum per student amount of (~~one thousand five~~
33 ~~hundred fifty dollars~~) \$1,550 as increased (~~by~~) for inflation
34 (~~from the 2019~~) beginning in calendar year 2020, multiplied by the
35 student enrollment of the state-tribal education compact school in
36 the prior school year. The state must provide annual local effort
37 assistance funding for charter public schools from the Washington
38 opportunity pathways account in accordance with RCW 28A.710.270.

1 ~~((d) For a school district that meets the criteria in this~~
2 ~~subsection and is located west of the Cascades in a county that~~
3 ~~borders another state, the annual local effort assistance funding is~~
4 ~~equal to the local effort assistance funding authorized under (b) of~~
5 ~~this subsection and additional local effort assistance funding equal~~
6 ~~to the following amounts:~~

7 ~~(i) Two hundred forty-six dollars per pupil in the 2019-20 school~~
8 ~~year for a school district with more than twenty-five thousand annual~~
9 ~~full-time equivalent students; and~~

10 ~~(ii) Two hundred eighty-six dollars per pupil in the 2019-20~~
11 ~~school year for a school district with more than twenty thousand~~
12 ~~annual full-time equivalent enrolled students but fewer than twenty-~~
13 ~~five thousand annual full-time equivalent enrolled students.)~~

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

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

20 (a) "Eligible school district" means a school district where the
21 amount generated by a levy of ~~((one dollar and fifty cents))~~ \$1.50
22 per ~~((thousand dollars))~~ \$1,000 of assessed value in the school
23 district, divided by the school district's total student enrollment
24 in the prior school year, is less than the state local effort
25 assistance threshold.

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

31 (c) "Maximum local effort assistance" means the difference
32 between the following:

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

35 (ii) The amount generated by a levy of ~~((one dollar and fifty~~
36 ~~cents))~~ \$1.50 per ~~((thousand dollars))~~ \$1,000 of assessed value in
37 the school district.

38 (d) "Prior school year" means the most recent school year
39 completed prior to the year in which the state local effort
40 assistance funding is to be distributed.

1 (e) "State local effort assistance threshold" means ((~~one~~
2 ~~thousand five hundred fifty dollars~~) \$1,550 per student, increased
3 for inflation beginning in calendar year 2020.

4 (f) "Student enrollment" means the average annual full-time
5 equivalent student enrollment.

6 (5) For districts in a high/nonhigh relationship, the enrollments
7 of the nonhigh students attending the high school shall only be
8 counted by the nonhigh school districts for purposes of funding under
9 this section.

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

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The state must provide full calendar
16 year local effort assistance funding to eligible charter public
17 schools in the 2022 calendar year. If local effort assistance
18 distributions for the 2022 calendar year under RCW 28A.500.040 begin
19 prior to the effective date of this section, then the first month's
20 distribution to a charter public school must include the sum of the
21 monthly percentages from April to the first month's distribution
22 under RCW 28A.500.040.

23 (2) This section expires June 30, 2024.

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