
SENATE BILL 5851

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By Senators Frockt and Saldaña

1 AN ACT Relating to enhancing educational opportunities for
2 vulnerable children and youth using funding distributed from the
3 Puget Sound taxpayer accountability account; and amending RCW
4 43.79.520.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.79.520 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 423 are each
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (1) (a) The Puget Sound taxpayer accountability account is created
9 in the state treasury. Moneys in the account may be spent only after
10 appropriation. Expenditures from the account may only be used for
11 distribution to counties where a portion of the county is within the
12 boundaries of a regional transit authority that includes a county
13 with a population of one million five hundred thousand or more.
14 Counties may use distributions from the account only (~~for~~
15 ~~educational services~~) to improve educational outcomes in early
16 learning, K-12, and higher education including, but not limited to,
17 for ~~((youths))~~ facilities and programs for children and youth that
18 are low-income, homeless, or in foster care, or other vulnerable
19 populations; and for the purposes in subsections (2) and (3) of this
20 section. Counties receiving distributions under this section must
21 track all expenditures and uses of the funds. To the greatest extent

1 practicable, the expenditures of the counties must follow the
2 requirements of any transportation subarea equity element used by the
3 regional transit authority.

4 (2) Counties may pledge and use distributions under this section
5 to pay debt service on county bonds if the proceeds from such bonds
6 are used for facilities or program costs authorized under subsection
7 (1) of this section.

8 (3) Counties may use distributions under this section to start
9 endowments to provide support for improving educational outcomes in
10 early learning, K-12, and higher education.

11 (4) Beginning September 1, 2017, and by the last day of
12 September, December, March, and June of each year thereafter, the
13 state treasurer (~~shall~~) must distribute moneys deposited in the
14 Puget Sound taxpayer accountability account to counties for which a
15 portion of the county is within the boundaries of a regional transit
16 authority that includes a county with a population of one million
17 five hundred thousand. The treasurer must make the distribution to
18 the counties on the relative basis of that transit authority's
19 population that lives within the respective counties.

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