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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the availability of school meals
2 provided to public school students at no student cost; amending RCW
3 28A.235.290, 28A.150.260, and 28A.405.415; adding a new section to
4 chapter 28A.235 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This act may be known and cited as the
7 hunger-free schools act.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.235.290 and 2019 c 208 s 2 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
11 develop and implement a plan to increase the number of schools
12 participating in the United States department of agriculture
13 community eligibility provision for the 2018-19 school year and
14 subsequent years. The office shall work jointly with community-based
15 organizations and national experts focused on hunger and nutrition
16 and familiar with the community eligibility provision, at least two
17 school representatives who have successfully implemented community
18 eligibility, and the state agency responsible for medicaid direct
19 certification. The plan must describe how the office of the
20 superintendent of public instruction will:

1 (a) Identify and recruit eligible schools to implement the
2 community eligibility provision, with the goal of increasing the
3 participation rate of eligible schools to at least the national
4 average;

5 (b) Provide comprehensive outreach and technical assistance to
6 school districts and schools to implement the community eligibility
7 provision;

8 (c) Support breakfast after the bell programs authorized by the
9 legislature to adopt the community eligibility provision;

10 (d) Work with school districts to group schools in order to
11 maximize the number of schools implementing the community eligibility
12 provision; and

13 (e) Determine the maximum percentage of students eligible for
14 free meals where participation in the community eligibility provision
15 provides the most support for a school, school district, or group of
16 schools.

17 (2) Until June 30, (~~2019~~) 2021, the office of the
18 superintendent of public instruction shall convene the organizations
19 working jointly on the plan monthly to report on the status of the
20 plan and coordinate outreach and technical assistance efforts to
21 schools and school districts. In completing the duties required by
22 this subsection (2), the office of the superintendent of public
23 instruction and the organizations working jointly on the plan shall
24 also, by December 1, 2020, examine the impacts to schools and
25 districts that can result from participation in the community
26 eligibility provision and identify approaches to addressing those
27 impacts.

28 (3) Beginning in 2018, the office of the superintendent of public
29 instruction shall report annually the number of schools that have
30 implemented the community eligibility provision to the legislature by
31 December 1st of each year. The report shall identify:

32 (a) Any barriers to implementation;

33 (b) Recommendations on policy and legislative solutions to
34 overcome barriers to implementation;

35 (c) Reasons potentially eligible schools and school districts
36 decide not to adopt the community eligibility provision; and

37 (d) Approaches in other states to adopting the community
38 eligibility provision.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.235
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) Each school with students in or below grade eight that has an
4 identified student percentage of at least sixty-two and one-half
5 percent, as determined annually by April 1st, must participate in the
6 United States department of agriculture's community eligibility
7 provision in the subsequent school year and throughout the duration
8 of the community eligibility provision's four-year cycle.

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

14 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.150.260 and 2018 c 266 s 101 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

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

21 (1) The governor shall and the superintendent of public
22 instruction may recommend to the legislature a formula for the
23 distribution of a basic education instructional allocation for each
24 common school district.

25 (2)(a) The distribution formula under this section shall be for
26 allocation purposes only. Except as may be required under subsections
27 (4)(b) and (c) and (9) of this section, chapter 28A.155, 28A.165,
28 28A.180, or 28A.185 RCW, or federal laws and regulations, nothing in
29 this section requires school districts to use basic education
30 instructional funds to implement a particular instructional approach
31 or service. Nothing in this section requires school districts to
32 maintain a particular classroom teacher-to-student ratio or other
33 staff-to-student ratio or to use allocated funds to pay for
34 particular types or classifications of staff. Nothing in this section
35 entitles an individual teacher to a particular teacher planning
36 period.

37 (b) To promote transparency in state funding allocations, the
38 superintendent of public instruction must report state per-pupil
39 allocations for each school district for the general apportionment,

1 special education, learning assistance, transitional bilingual,
2 highly capable, and career and technical education programs. The
3 superintendent must also report state general apportionment per-pupil
4 allocations by grade for each school district. The superintendent
5 must report this information in a user-friendly format on the main
6 page of the office's web site and on school district apportionment
7 reports. School districts must include a link to the superintendent's
8 per-pupil allocations report on the main page of the school
9 district's web site. In addition, the budget documents published by
10 the legislature for the enacted omnibus operating appropriations act
11 must report statewide average per-pupil allocations for general
12 apportionment and the categorical programs listed in this subsection.

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

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

37 (i) A prototypical high school has six hundred average annual
38 full-time equivalent students in grades nine through twelve;

(ii) A prototypical middle school has four hundred thirty-two average annual full-time equivalent students in grades seven and eight; and

(iii) A prototypical elementary school has four hundred 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:

	General education average class size
Grades K-3.	17.00
Grade 4.	27.00
Grades 5-6.	27.00
Grades 7-8.	28.53
Grades 9-12.	28.74

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

	Laboratory science average class size
Grades 9-12.	19.98

(b)(i) Beginning September 1, 2019, funding for average K-3 class sizes in this subsection (4) may be provided only to the extent of, and proportionate to, the school district's demonstrated actual class size in grades K-3, up to the funded class sizes.

(ii) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall develop rules to implement this subsection (4)(b).

1 (c)(i) The minimum allocation for each prototypical middle and
 2 high school shall also provide for full-time equivalent classroom
 3 teachers based on the following number of full-time equivalent
 4 students per teacher in career and technical education:

	Career and technical
	education average
	class size
8 Approved career and technical education offered at	
9 the middle school and high school level.	23.00
10 Skill center programs meeting the standards established	
11 by the office of the superintendent of public	
12 instruction.	20.00

13 (ii) Funding allocated under this subsection (4)(c) is subject to
 14 RCW 28A.150.265.

15 (d) In addition, the omnibus appropriations act shall at a
 16 minimum specify:

17 (i) A high-poverty average class size in schools where more than
 18 fifty percent of the students are eligible for free and reduced-price
 19 meals; and

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

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

	Elementary	Middle	High
	School	School	School
27 Principals, assistant principals, and other certificated building-level			
28 administrators.	1.253	1.353	1.880
29 Teacher-librarians, a function that includes information literacy, technology,			
30 and media to support school library media programs.	0.663	0.519	0.523
31 Health and social services:			
32 School nurses.	0.076	0.060	0.096
33 Social workers.	0.042	0.006	0.015
34 Psychologists.	0.017	0.002	0.007
35 Guidance counselors, a function that includes parent outreach and graduation			
36 advising.	0.493	1.216	2.539

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	Classified staff providing student and staff safety.	0.079	0.092	0.141
6	Parent involvement coordinators.	0.0825	0.00	0.00

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

11		Staff per 1,000
12		K-12 students
13	Technology.	0.628
14	Facilities, maintenance, and grounds.	1.813
15	Warehouse, laborers, and mechanics.	0.332

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

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

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

31		Per annual average
32		full-time equivalent student
33		in grades K-12
34	Technology.	\$130.76
35	Utilities and insurance.	\$355.30
36	Curriculum and textbooks.	\$140.39
37	Other supplies	\$278.05

1	Library materials.	\$20.00
2	Instructional professional development for certificated and	
3	classified staff.	\$21.71
4	Facilities maintenance.	\$176.01
5	Security and central office administration.	\$121.94

6 (b) In addition to the amounts provided in (a) of this
7 subsection, beginning in the 2014-15 school year, the omnibus
8 appropriations act shall provide the following minimum allocation for
9 each annual average full-time equivalent student in grades nine
10 through twelve for the following materials, supplies, and operating
11 costs, to be adjusted annually for inflation:

12		Per annual average
13		full-time equivalent student
14		in grades 9-12
15	Technology.	\$36.35
16	Curriculum and textbooks.	\$39.02
17	Other supplies	\$77.28
18	Library materials.	\$5.56
19	Instructional professional development for certificated and	
20	classified staff.	\$6.04

21 (9) In addition to the amounts provided in subsection (8) of this
22 section and subject to RCW 28A.150.265, the omnibus appropriations
23 act shall provide an amount based on full-time equivalent student
24 enrollment in each of the following:

- 25 (a) Exploratory career and technical education courses for
- 26 students in grades seven through twelve;
- 27 (b) Preparatory career and technical education courses for
- 28 students in grades nine through twelve offered in a high school; and
- 29 (c) Preparatory career and technical education courses for
- 30 students in grades eleven and twelve offered through a skill center.

31 (10) In addition to the allocations otherwise provided under this
32 section, amounts shall be provided to support the following programs
33 and services:

34 (a) (i) To provide supplemental instruction and services for
35 students who are not meeting academic standards through the learning
36 assistance program under RCW 28A.165.005 through 28A.165.065,
37 allocations shall be based on the greater of either: The district
38 percentage of students in kindergarten through grade twelve who were
39 eligible for free or reduced-price meals for the school year

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

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

28 (b)(i) To provide supplemental instruction and services for
29 students whose primary language is other than English, allocations
30 shall be based on the head count number of students in each school
31 who are eligible for and enrolled in the transitional bilingual
32 instruction program under RCW 28A.180.010 through 28A.180.080. The
33 minimum allocation for each level of prototypical school shall
34 provide resources to provide, on a statewide average, 4.7780 hours
35 per week in extra instruction for students in grades kindergarten
36 through six and 6.7780 hours per week in extra instruction for
37 students in grades seven through twelve, with fifteen transitional
38 bilingual instruction program students per teacher. Notwithstanding
39 other provisions of this subsection (10), the actual per-student
40 allocation may be scaled to provide a larger allocation for students

1 needing more intensive intervention and a commensurate reduced
2 allocation for students needing less intensive intervention, as
3 detailed in the omnibus appropriations act.

4 (ii) To provide supplemental instruction and services for
5 students who have exited the transitional bilingual program,
6 allocations shall be based on the head count number of students in
7 each school who have exited the transitional bilingual program within
8 the previous two years based on their performance on the English
9 proficiency assessment and are eligible for and enrolled in the
10 transitional bilingual instruction program under RCW
11 28A.180.040(1)(g). The minimum allocation for each prototypical
12 school shall provide resources to provide, on a statewide average,
13 3.0 hours per week in extra instruction with fifteen exited students
14 per teacher.

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

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

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

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

38 (13)(a) This formula for distribution of basic education funds
39 shall be reviewed biennially by the superintendent and governor. The

1 recommended formula shall be subject to approval, amendment or
2 rejection by the legislature.

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

7 (c) The enrollment of any district shall be the annual average
8 number of full-time equivalent students and part-time students as
9 provided in RCW 28A.150.350, enrolled on the first school day of each
10 month, including students who are in attendance pursuant to RCW
11 28A.335.160 and 28A.225.250 who do not reside within the servicing
12 school district. The definition of full-time equivalent student shall
13 be determined by rules of the superintendent of public instruction
14 and shall be included as part of the superintendent's biennial budget
15 request. The definition shall be based on the minimum instructional
16 hour offerings required under RCW 28A.150.220. Any revision of the
17 present definition shall not take effect until approved by the house
18 ways and means committee and the senate ways and means committee.

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

22 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28A.405.415 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 5 s 4 are each
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (1) Certificated instructional staff who have attained
25 certification from the national board for professional teaching
26 standards shall receive a bonus each year in which they maintain the
27 certification. The bonus shall be calculated as follows: The annual
28 bonus shall be five thousand dollars in the 2007-08 school year.
29 Thereafter, the annual bonus shall increase by inflation, except that
30 the bonus shall not be increased during the 2013-14 and 2014-15
31 school years.

32 (2) (a) Certificated instructional staff who have attained
33 certification from the national board for professional teaching
34 standards shall be eligible for bonuses in addition to that provided
35 by subsection (1) of this section if the individual is in an
36 instructional assignment in a school in which at least seventy
37 percent of the students qualify for the free and reduced-price lunch
38 program.

1 (b) An individual is eligible for bonuses authorized under this
2 subsection (2) if he or she is an instructional assignment in a
3 school in which at least seventy percent of the students qualified
4 for free and reduced-price lunches in the school year immediately
5 preceding the school's participation in the United States department
6 of agriculture's community eligibility provision.

7 (3) The amount of the additional bonus under subsection (2) of
8 this section for those meeting the qualifications of subsection (2)
9 of this section is five thousand dollars.

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

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

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