
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5465

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By Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Wellman, Pedersen, Wilson, C., Hunt, Hasegawa, and Kuderer; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction)

1 AN ACT Relating to public education funding; amending RCW
2 28A.505.040 and 28A.505.080; and adding a new section to chapter
3 28A.150 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.505.040 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 13 s 604 are each
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) On or before the tenth day of July in each year, all school
8 districts shall prepare their budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The
9 annual budget development process shall include the development or
10 update of a four-year budget plan that includes a four-year
11 enrollment projection. The four-year budget plan must include an
12 estimate of funding necessary to maintain the continuing costs of
13 program and service levels and any existing supplemental contract
14 obligations.

15 (2) The completed budget must include a summary of the four-year
16 budget plan and set forth the complete financial plan of the district
17 for the ensuing fiscal year.

18 (3)(a) Upon completion of their budgets, every school district
19 shall electronically publish a notice stating that the district has
20 completed the budget, posted it electronically, placed it on file in
21 the school district administration office, and that a copy of the

1 budget and a summary of the four-year budget plan will be furnished
2 to any person who calls upon the district for it.

3 (b) School districts shall submit one copy of their proposed
4 budget and the four-year budget plan summary to their educational
5 service districts (~~and the office of the superintendent of public~~
6 ~~instruction~~)) for review and comment by July 10th. The superintendent
7 of public instruction may delay the date in this section if the
8 state's operating budget is not finally approved by the legislature
9 until after June 1st.

10 (c) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
11 consider the information provided under (b) of this subsection when
12 ranking each school district by the financial health of the school
13 district in order to provide information for districts to avoid
14 potential financial difficulty, insolvency, or binding conditions.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.505.080 and 1984 c 128 s 8 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 Copies of the budgets for all local school districts, including
18 the four-year budget plan prepared under RCW 28A.505.040, shall be
19 filed with the superintendent of public instruction no later than
20 September 10th. One copy will be retained by the educational service
21 district.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.150
23 RCW to read as follows:

24 The purpose of this section is to provide for the allocation of
25 state funding that the legislature deems necessary to support school
26 districts in offering institutional education programs. The
27 allocation shall be determined as follows:

28 (1) The governor shall and the superintendent of public
29 instruction may recommend to the legislature a formula for the
30 distribution of an institutional education allocation for school
31 districts that offer institutional education programs.

32 (2)(a) The distribution formula under this section shall be for
33 allocation purposes only. Except as may be required under chapter
34 28A.155, 28A.165, 28A.180, or 28A.185 RCW, or federal laws and
35 regulations, nothing in this section requires school districts to use
36 basic education instructional funds to implement a particular
37 instructional approach or service. Nothing in this section requires
38 school districts to maintain a particular classroom teacher-to-

1 student ratio or other staff-to-student ratio or to use allocated
2 funds to pay for particular types or classifications of staff.

3 (b) To promote transparency in state funding allocations, the
4 superintendent of public instruction must report state per-pupil
5 allocations for each school district for institutional education
6 programs. The superintendent must also report state per-pupil
7 allocations for each type of institutional education program listed
8 in subsection (4) of this section. The superintendent must report
9 this information in a user-friendly format on the main page of the
10 office of the superintendent of public instruction's web site and on
11 school district apportionment reports. School districts must include
12 a link to the superintendent's per-pupil allocations report on the
13 main page of the school district's web site. In addition, the budget
14 documents published by the legislature for the enacted omnibus
15 operating appropriations act must report statewide average per-pupil
16 allocations for the institutional education programs listed in
17 subsection (4) of this section.

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

37 (b) For the purposes of this section, prototypical institutional
38 programs are defined as follows:

39 (i) A prototypical residential habilitation center has eight
40 annual full-time equivalent students;

- 1 (ii) A prototypical long-term juvenile justice institution has
 2 one hundred twenty-five annual full-time equivalent students;
- 3 (iii) A prototypical community facility has seven annual full-
 4 time equivalent students;
- 5 (iv) A prototypical county juvenile detention center has twenty-
 6 five annual full-time equivalent students;
- 7 (v) A prototypical state correction facility has twenty-five
 8 annual full-time equivalent students;
- 9 (vi) A prototypical county or city jail has twenty-five annual
 10 full-time equivalent students; and
- 11 (vii) A prototypical residential mental health unit has one
 12 hundred twenty-five annual full-time equivalent students.

13 (4) The minimum allocation for each level of prototypical
 14 institutional education program shall include allocations for the
 15 following types of teachers and staff:

	Residential Habilitation Center	Long-term Juvenile Institution	Community Detention Facility	County Detention Center	State Correction Facility	County or City Jail	Residential Mental Health Unit
19 Teachers	1.20	16.67	1.20	3.00	3.00	3.00	20.00
20 Principals	0.15	1.59	0.10	0.50	0.50	0.50	1.59
21 Counselors	0.25	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
22 Psychologists	1.00	1.00	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	1.00
23 Teaching 24 assistants	1.00	6.76	0.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	6.76
25 Office 26 support staff	0.15	2.50	0.20	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.50

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