NEW SECTION. Sec. 27. The repeal of RCW 74.20A.050 and the amendment of RCW 74.20A.030 and 74.20A.250 by this 1979 act is not intended to affect any existing or accrued right, any action or proceeding already taken or instituted, any administrative action already taken, or any rule, regulation, or order already promulgated. The repeal and amendments are not intended to revive any law heretofore repealed.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 28. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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CHAPTER 172

[Substitute House Bill No. 227]

SCHOOL DISTRICT LEVIES—MAXIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNTS—PROGRAMS

AN ACT Relating to revenue and taxation; amending section 4, chapter 325, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 84.52.0531; creating new sections; declaring an emergency; and providing an effective date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 4, chapter 325, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 84-.52.0531 are each amended to read as follows:

The maximum dollar amount which may be levied by or for any school district for maintenance and operation support under the provisions of RCW 84.52.053 shall be as follows:

(1) ((For excess levies in 1977 for collection in 1978:

To the extent that any district receives funds through the state apportionment formula in excess of the amount anticipated by such a district when it established its excess levy for collection in 1978 and when such excess can be utilized to relieve special levy burdens, then such a district should place a first priority on reducing its special levy.

- (2))) For excess levies in 1977 for collection in 1979; for excess levies in 1978 for collection in 1979 ((and thereafter)); for excess levies in 1978 for collection in 1980; and for excess levies in 1979 for collection in 1980, the sum of:
- (a) That amount equal to ten percent of each school district's prior year basic education allocation converted to one hundred percent of formula; plus

- (b) That amount equal to each school district's prior year basic education allocation converted to one hundred percent of formula minus each school district's basic education allocation for such school year.
- (2) For excess levies in 1979 for collection in 1981, for excess levies in 1980 for collection in 1981 and thereafter, the sum of:
- (a) That amount equal to ten percent of each school district's prior year basic education allocation converted to one hundred percent of formula; plus
- (b) That amount equal to each school district's prior year basic education allocation converted to one hundred percent of formula minus each school district's basic education allocation for such school year; plus
- (c) That amount equal to ten percent of each school district's prior year state allocation, exclusive of federal funds, for the following programs:
 - (i) Pupil transportation;
 - (ii) Handicapped education costs;
 - (iii) Gifted; and
- (iv) Compensatory education, including but not limited to remediation assistance, bilingual education, and urban, rural, racial disadvantaged programs.
- (3) Excess levies authorized under this ((1977 amendatory act)) section or under RCW 84.52.052 shall not be used directly or indirectly to increase the average ((compensation)) salary or fringe benefits for certificated or classified personnel in any school district: PROVIDED, That ((those school districts which receive state funds budgeted for a four percent increase in average compensation for certificated or classified personnel respectively shall be allowed to increase such certificated or classified compensation by an amount equal to the percentage increase in the prior year's United States Consumer Price Index minus the state funded four percent, or by an additional two percent, whichever is less: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any school district whose average compensation for certificated or classified personnel respectively is below state-wide average compensation level for certificated or classified personnel during the preceding school year, may collect and expend property taxes authorized by this 1977 amendatory act, or under RCW-84.52.052, for the purpose of increasing such district average compensation for certificated or classified personnel up to but not to exceed the state-wide average compensation for certificated or classified personnel for the preceding school year)) any school district may expend excess levy funds to provide increases in salary and fringe benefits for classified or certificated personnel whose salary and fringe benefits are provided wholly from local school district excess levies in a percentage not to exceed the respective average percentage increases in the salary and fringe benefit levels for classified and certificated employees of the district funded with state appropriated funds: PROVIDED FURTHER, That those contracts which have been negotiated prior to July 1, 1977 by those school districts

for such school year shall not be abrogated by this ((1977 amendatory act)) section. "Fringe benefits" for purposes of this subsection shall include:

- (a) Employer retirement contributions, if applicable;
- (b) Health and insurance payments including life, accident, disability, unemployment compensation, and workmen's compensation; and
 - (c) Employer social security contributions.
- (4) Any school district whose average base compensation for certificated or classified personnel respectively is below state—wide average base compensation level for certificated or classified personnel during the preceding school year, may collect and expend property taxes authorized by this section, or under RCW 84.52.052, for the purpose of increasing such district's average compensation for certificated or classified personnel as allowed in the latest applicable state operating budget. "Compensation", for purposes of this subsection, shall mean salary plus fringe benefits for classified and certificated personnel of a school district as allowed in the latest applicable state operating budget.
- (((4))) (5) For the purpose of ((the)) this section, the basic education allocation shall be determined pursuant to RCW 28A.41.130, 28A.41.140, and 28A.41.145, as now or hereafter amended: PROVIDED, That when determining the basic education allocation under subsections (1) and (2) of this section, effective September 1, 1979, nonresident full time equivalent pupils who are participating in a program provided for in chapter 28A.44 RCW or in any other program pursuant to an interdistrict agreement shall be included in the enrollment of the resident district and excluded from the enrollment of the serving district.
- (("Compensation" for the purposes of this 1977 amendatory act shall mean one hundred and seven percent of each school district's respective average salary for certificated personnel, and one hundred and fourteen percent of each school district's respective average salary for classified personnel.))

Certificated personnel shall include those persons employed by a school district in a teaching, instructional, administrative or supervisory capacity and who hold positions as certificated personnel as defined under RCW 28A.01.130, as now or hereafter amended, and every school district superintendent, and any person hired in any manner to fill a position designated as, or which is in fact, that of deputy superintendent or assistant superintendent. Classified personnel shall include those persons employed by a school district other than certificated personnel as defined in this section in a capacity for which certification is not required.

(6) For the purpose of subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the superintendent of public instruction may grant local school districts authority to exceed the levy limitations imposed by said subsections: PROVIDED, That said limitations can only be exceeded by an amount that will insure local school districts the ability to raise a total excess levy dollar amount per

annual average full time equivalent student which when combined with the basic education allocation is equal to but does not exceed one hundred and four percent for levies to be collected in 1979, and one hundred and six percent for levies to be collected in 1980 and thereafter of the previous school year's comparable dollars per annual average full time equivalent student: PROVIDED FURTHER, That for levies to be collected in 1980 and thereafter any school district receiving authority to exceed the levy limitation and whose enrollment is declining at a rate of at least four percent, or three hundred full time equivalent students, whichever is less, from the immediately preceding school year, may, in addition to the increase above, further increase its levy by an amount equal to fifty percent of the enrollment decline multiplied by the previous school year's comparable dollars per annual full time equivalent student. The provisions of this subsection (6) shall only apply to excess levies for collection prior to calendar year 1983.

(7) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop rules and regulations and inform school districts of the pertinent data necessary to carry out the provisions of this ((1977 amendatory act)) section.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect on September 1, 1979.

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CHAPTER 173

[Substitute House Bill No. 367]

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION—SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS—DUTIES

AN ACT Relating to the powers and duties of the state board of education; and amending section 28A.04.120, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 92, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 28A.04.120; and amending section 28A.58.101, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 2, chapter 97, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 28A.58.101.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 28A.04.120, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 92, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 28A.04.120 are each amended to read as follows: