

the performance of any function of the school district. Each board establishing an employee suggestion program shall establish procedures for the proper administration of the program.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The board of directors of the school district shall make the final determination as to whether an employee suggestion award will be made and shall determine the nature and extent of the award. The award shall not be a regular or supplemental compensation program for all employees and the suggestion must, in fact, result in actual savings greater than the award amount. Any moneys which may be awarded to an employee as part of an employee suggestion program shall not be considered salary or compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.58.095 or chapter 41.40 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this act are added to chapter 28A.02 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This act shall take effect on August 1, 1986.

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CHAPTER 144

[Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 3527]

STUDENT/TEACHER RATIOS

AN ACT Relating to student teacher ratios; amending RCW 28A.41.130; and providing an effective date.

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

Sec. 1. Section 2, chapter 46, Laws of 1973 as last amended by section 30, chapter 3, Laws of 1983 and RCW 28A.41.130 are each amended to read as follows:

From those funds made available by the legislature for the current use of the common schools, the superintendent of public instruction shall distribute annually as provided in RCW 28A.48.010 to each school district of the state operating a program approved by the state board of education an amount which, when combined with an appropriate portion of such locally available revenues, other than receipts from federal forest revenues distributed to school districts pursuant to RCW 28A.02.300 and 28A.02.310, as the superintendent of public instruction may deem appropriate for consideration in computing state equalization support, excluding excess property tax levies, will constitute a basic education allocation in dollars for each annual average full time equivalent student enrolled, based upon one full school year of one hundred eighty days, except that for kindergartens one full

school year shall be one hundred eighty half days of instruction, or the equivalent as provided in RCW 28A.58.754, as now or hereafter amended.

Basic education shall be considered to be fully funded by those amounts of dollars appropriated by the legislature pursuant to RCW 28A.41.130 and 28A.41.140 to fund those program requirements identified in RCW 28A.58.754 in accordance with the formula and ratios provided in RCW 28A.41.140.

Operation of a program approved by the state board of education, for the purposes of this section, shall include a finding that the ratio of students per classroom teacher in grades kindergarten through three is not greater than the ratio of students per classroom teacher in grades four and above for such district: PROVIDED, That for the purposes of this section, "classroom teacher" shall be defined as an instructional employee possessing at least a provisional certificate, but not necessarily employed as a certificated employee, whose primary duty is the daily educational instruction of students: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the state board of education shall adopt rules and regulations to insure compliance with the student/teacher ratio provisions of this section, and such rules and regulations shall allow for exemptions for those special programs and/or school districts which may be deemed unable to practicably meet the student/teacher ratio requirements of this section by virtue of a small number of students(~~(- PROVIDED, FURTHER, That these rules and regulations shall provide that any district that has a ratio of no greater than twenty-five students per classroom teacher in grades kindergarten through three shall be in conformance with this section))~~).

If a school district's basic education program fails to meet the basic education requirements enumerated in RCW 28A.41.130, 28A.41.140 and 28A.58.754, the state board of education shall require the superintendent of public instruction to withhold state funds in whole or in part for the basic education allocation until program compliance is assured: PROVIDED, That the state board of education may waive this requirement in the event of substantial lack of classroom space.

~~((This section shall be effective September 1, 1982.))~~

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Section 1 of this act shall be effective September 1, 1987.

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