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- Text that is surrounded by (({- text here -})) is text that will be DELETED FROM the existing statute if the proposed measure is approved.
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INITIATIVE 674

I, Ralph Munro, Secretary of State of the State of Washington and custodian of its seal, hereby certify that, according to the records on file in my office, the attached copy of Initiative Measure No. 674 to the People is a true and correct copy as it was received by this office.

AN ACT Relating to the funding of public education; adding new sections to Chapter 43.135 RCW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

{+ NEW SECTION. +} Section 1.

The people of the state of Washington hereby find and declare:

(1) The level of investment in public education needed to provide for Washington state's continued economic prosperity is often at odds with simplistic expenditure caps.

(2) It is therefore the intent of this act to exempt public education from the expenditure and revenue exemptions of Initiative 601.

{+ NEW SECTION. +} Section 2. Definitions

Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, as used in sections 3 and 4 of this act, "public education programs" include but are not limited to:

(1) Public schools as defined by RCW 28A.150.010, including the state school for the blind and the state school for the deaf;

(2) Institutions of higher education as defined by RCW 28B.10.016(4); and

(3) Public libraries as defined by RCW 27.12.010(3).

{+ NEW SECTION. +} Section 3.

No part of this chapter applies to expenditures made directly, indirectly, or in support of public education programs. The state expenditure limit shall be recalculated excluding public education expenditures according to the procedures under RCW 43.135.025.

{+ NEW SECTION. +} Section 4.

RCW 43.135.035 does not apply to any action by the legislature to

increase state revenue for the express purpose of increasing expenditures on public education programs.

{+ NEW SECTION. +} Section 5.

Sections 2 through 4 of this act or each added to chapter 43.135 RCW.

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