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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

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AN ACT Relating to funding K-20 education; and creating new sections.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The people intend to use all tax revenue from marijuana sales to help fund state-supported education institutions. The funds are intended to be used by school districts for what the school districts deem as their highest priorities.

(1) For K-12 schools, top priorities may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Improving nutritional value of school lunches;
- (b) Providing students with state-of-the-art learning materials;
- (c) Offering full-day kindergarten to all kindergarteners;
- (d) Decreasing class sizes by hiring more educators;
- (e) Improving infrastructure and maintenance;
- (f) Step increases for teacher, staff, and administrator pay;
- (g) Offering more honors and accelerated programs;
- (h) Offering support for alternative learning programs; and
- (i) Providing support services.

(2) For colleges and universities, top priorities may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Improving and expanding on-campus housing and living standards;
- (b) Providing students with state-of-the-art learning materials;
- (c) Decreasing class sizes by hiring more educators;
- (d) Increasing faculty and staff pay;
- (e) Providing support centers and services; and
- (f) Expanding state need grants to serve all eligible low-income students at all age levels.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The state's marijuana tax revenue in marijuana's first year of legalization was seventy million dollars and by the middle of 2019 the state revenue is expected to be six hundred ninety-four million dollars. To fully fund K-12 education in Washington state, as proposed in Initiative Measure No. 1351, the state is expected to add 4.7 billion dollars to its expenditures through 2019, while local revenues simultaneously are expected to grow by 1.9 billion dollars through 2019. By using one hundred percent of marijuana tax revenue to fund education, the revenue will cover 14.7 percent of the expected cost of 4.7 billion dollars it is going to cost the state to fully fund K-12 education.

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