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PSSB 6492 (S-5491.4/20) - S COMM AMD
By Committee on Ways & Means

On page 20, after line 14, insert the following:

"Sec. 12. RCW 43.88.055 and 2012 1st sp.s. c 8 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The legislature must adopt a four-year balanced budget as follows:

(a) Beginning in the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, the legislature shall enact a balanced omnibus operating appropriations bill that leaves, in total, a positive ending fund balance in the general fund and related funds.

(b) Beginning in the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, the projected maintenance level of the omnibus appropriations bill enacted by the legislature shall not exceed the available fiscal resources for the next ensuing fiscal biennium.

(2) For purposes of this section:

(a) "Available fiscal resources" means the beginning general fund and related fund balances and any fiscal resources estimated for the general fund and related funds, adjusted for enacted legislation, and with forecasted revenues adjusted to the greater of (i) the official general fund and related funds revenue forecast for the ensuing biennium, or (ii) the official general fund and related funds forecast for the second fiscal year of the current fiscal biennium, increased by 4.5 percent for each fiscal year of the ensuing biennium;

(b) "Projected maintenance level" means estimated appropriations necessary to maintain the continuing costs of program and service levels either funded in that appropriations bill or mandated by other state or federal law, and the amount of any general fund moneys projected to be transferred to the budget stabilization account pursuant to Article VII, section 12 of the state Constitution (~~(, but does not include in the 2013-2015 and 2015-2017 fiscal biennia the costs related to the enhanced funding under the new definition of~~

1 ~~basic education as established in chapter 548, Laws of 2009, and~~
2 ~~affirmed by the decision in *Mathew McCleary et al., v. The State of*~~
3 ~~*Washington*, 173 Wn.2d 477, 269 P.3d 227, (2012), from which the~~
4 ~~short-term exclusion of these obligations is solely for the purposes~~
5 ~~of calculating this estimate and does not in any way indicate an~~
6 ~~intent to avoid full funding of these obligations));~~

7 (c) "Related funds," as used in this section, means the
8 Washington opportunity pathways account, the workforce education
9 investment account, and the education legacy trust account.

10 (3) Subsection (1)(a) and (b) of this section does not apply to
11 an appropriations bill that makes net reductions in general fund and
12 related funds appropriations and is enacted between July 1st and
13 February 15th of any fiscal year.

14 (4) Subsection (1)(b) of this section does not apply in a fiscal
15 biennium in which money is appropriated from the budget stabilization
16 account."

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17 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "82.04.299," strike "and
18 82.04.4451" and insert "82.04.4451, and 43.88.055"

EFFECT: Adds the workforce education investment account to the
definition of related funds in the state four-year balanced budget
requirement.

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