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Chris Reykdal, Superintendent

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BULLETIN NO. 024-22 SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
School District Business Managers
Public Charter Schools
Tribal Compact Schools
District Absenteeism & Truancy Liaisons

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: State Funding for Truancy Supports

CONTACT: Melissa Jarmon, Apportionment Program Supervisor
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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

The Operating Budget Appropriations Act (Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5693, Laws of 2022) contains an appropriation of \$1,399,000 for 2021–22 for school districts to support youth who are truant under chapter 28A.225 RCW or at risk of becoming truant, and for costs associated with filing or serving petitions under RCW 28A.225.030.

CHANGES TO PURPOSE OF FUNDING

During the 2021 legislative session, the Legislature expanded the scope of this funding from solely reimbursing school districts for the costs of filing truancy petitions. School districts may now use the funds to support youth that are at risk of becoming truant or youth that are truant. This change will necessitate a different methodology of distributing funding to school districts. **Funding will no longer be based solely on the number of petitions filed.** For the 2021–22 school year, OSPI will maintain the same allocations as the previous school year (2020–21). As part of this year's funding allocation process, OSPI will collect data from school districts that will inform how funding will be allocated in 2022–23.

HOW TO CLAIM FUNDING

The following [form](#) must be submitted by June 1 to receive the funds. The allocation amounts for each school district can be found at the [Apportionment Attachments webpage](#).

Payments will be shown on Report 1197, Statement of Apportionment, in revenue account 415806 "TRUANCY."

The 2021–22 appropriation expires on June 30, 2022; therefore, the money is used for efforts that occur/ed June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022, and will be distributed with June's apportionment payments, conditional on the completion of the form.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding apportionment, please contact Melissa Jarmon, School Apportionment Program Supervisor, at 360-725-6307 or email melissa.jarmon@k12.wa.us.

For questions regarding attendance and truancy, please contact Krissy Johnson, Assistant Director of Attendance & Engagement, at 360-972-4354 or email krissy.johnson@k12.wa.us.

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