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1 AN ACT Relating to discrimination by school district employees or
2 school district employee organizations; adding a new section to chapter
3 28A.150 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that all persons,
6 regardless of their political and religious beliefs, should be
7 encouraged to express their views in the public debate over school
8 curriculum and school district policy. The legislature further finds
9 that discrimination should not occur, and that there should not be
10 attempts by school district employees and school district employee
11 organizations to discredit the views of certain religious and political
12 groups. The legislature intends to prohibit such discrimination.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.150
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 (1) School district employees and school district employee
16 organizations shall not discriminate against parents or other persons
17 based on association or perceived association with political or
18 religious groups. This prohibition against discrimination extends to

1 activity involving the preparation, publication, or distribution of
2 literature or manuals produced for the purpose of influencing school
3 district or public policy or discrediting, or promoting discriminating
4 against, any parent, group, or member of a religious or political
5 group.

6 (2) A violation of this section is a misdemeanor punishable in
7 accordance with RCW 9A.20.010.

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