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2 2SSB 5919 - S AMD
3 By Senator Talmadge

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5 On page 80, after line 11, insert the following:

6 "PART XV
7 PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES OFFICE"

8 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1501.** A new section is added to chapter
9 28A.300 RCW to read as follows:

10 (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall establish
11 a professional practices office to receive, investigate, and
12 process written complaints or reports of lack of good moral
13 character and personal fitness and acts of unprofessional conduct
14 by certificated school staff, including reports or complaints of
15 suspected acts of child abuse and neglect by school staff on school
16 grounds or in school facilities.

17 The professional practices office, under the authority of the
18 superintendent of public instruction, shall also enforce the code
19 of professional conduct adopted by rule by the state board of
20 education.

21 (2) Any person may submit a written report or complaint to the
22 superintendent of public instruction. The written report or
23 complaint shall include documentation, as specified by rules
24 adopted by the superintendent of public instruction, that the

1 person did first take the report or complaint to the local school
2 district superintendent and school board for resolution. The
3 professional practices office shall investigate all written reports
4 and complaints.

5 (3) The superintendent of public instruction may, upon the
6 findings of an investigation, and when appropriate, prepare cases
7 for formal action by the attorney general of Washington state.

8 (4) The superintendent of public instruction may establish a
9 panel of educators to review cases prepared by the professional
10 practices office. The panel may review cases and make
11 recommendations to the superintendent of public instruction
12 regarding actions only in those instances when a formal hearing has
13 been held by the professional practices office.

14 The superintendent of public instruction or his or her
15 designee is responsible for making the final determination
16 regarding potential actions, including but not limited to:
17 Recommendation for suspension, letter of reprimand, certificate
18 revocation, or request for legal action by the attorney general.

19 (5) The professional practices office may work with the
20 department of social and health services or law enforcement
21 agencies in conducting investigations.

22 (6) The superintendent of public instruction shall report
23 annually to the legislature on the number of written reports and
24 complaints received and the resolution of those complaints. The
25 report shall include a breakdown indicating the number of reports
26 received by parents, students, teachers, administrators, other

1 school personnel, and others."

2 Renumber the remaining parts and sections consecutively and
3 correct any internal references accordingly.

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7 On page 83, after line 23, insert the following:

8 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1525.** If specific funding for the
9 purposes of section 1501 of this act, referencing this act by bill
10 and section number, is not provided by June 30, 1991, in the
11 omnibus appropriations act, section 1501 of this act shall be null
12 and void."

13 Renumber the remaining section consecutively.