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1 AN ACT Relating to notification of student testing or survey; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 28A.600 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.600
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) Except when generated by a student as a part of coursework, a
7 public school must give parents or legal guardians advance written
8 notice before the school, or before any person or organization under
9 contract with the school, conducts any student test, questionnaire,
10 survey, analysis, or evaluation that requests disclosure by the student
11 of information about either the student or the student's parent or
12 legal guardian's personal: Political or religious affiliations, mental
13 or psychological problems, sexual behavior or attitudes, illegal, self-
14 incriminating, or demeaning behavior, critical appraisals of any other
15 individual with whom the student has a family relationship, legally
16 privileged information arising out of confidential relationships with
17 persons such as lawyers, physicians, or ministers, or religious issues.
18 The notice must provide complete disclosure to the student's parent or

1 legal guardian regarding the subject matter and nature of the test,
2 questionnaire, survey, analysis, or evaluation.

3 (2) No student may participate in any test, questionnaire, survey,
4 analysis, or evaluation listed in subsection (1) of this section
5 without prior written consent from the student's parent or legal
6 guardian.

7 (3) All materials that a school uses in conducting any student
8 test, questionnaire, survey, analysis, or evaluation that involves
9 disclosure of information described in subsection (1) of this section
10 must be readily available for inspection by the parent or legal
11 guardian of a student, at least ten days before their administration,
12 at the school during normal school hours. School personnel must also
13 be readily available to answer questions relative to the materials.

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