
HOUSE BILL 1667

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1 AN ACT Relating to questioning students concerning their personal
2 beliefs or practices, or the beliefs or practices of their parents or
3 guardian, regarding sex, religion, political affiliation, or mental or
4 psychological treatment; adding a new section to chapter 28A.600 RCW;
5 and prescribing penalties.

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

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

9 (1) A school district employee or other individual under the
10 auspices of a school district may not require a student to submit to a
11 survey, test, questionnaire, or examination that elicits the personal
12 beliefs or practices of a student, or the student's parents or
13 guardians, as to sex, religion, political affiliations, or mental or
14 psychological treatment, unless prior written consent is obtained from
15 a parent or guardian of the student. If the student is emancipated or
16 an adult, the prior written consent must be obtained from the student.

17 (2) A parent may file a complaint with the local school board when
18 the provisions of subsection (1) of this section are violated. The
19 school district board of directors shall investigate and schedule a

1 public meeting to be held no more than thirty days after the complaint
2 is received by the board. The board shall assess a minimum penalty of
3 two hundred fifty dollars for each affirmed violation that is the
4 result of a complaint filed with the board by a parent or guardian.

5 (3) A parent may also file a complaint with the superintendent of
6 public instruction when the school district board of directors is
7 unresponsive to a parent's or guardian's complaint pursuant to
8 subsection (2) of this section, or if the school district authorized
9 the administration of the test, survey, questionnaire, or examination
10 in violation of subsection (1) of this section. The superintendent
11 shall investigate and render a decision within thirty days of receiving
12 the complaint. The superintendent shall assess a minimum penalty of
13 one thousand dollars to the school district for each affirmed violation
14 that is the result of a complaint filed with the board by a parent or
15 guardian.

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