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HOUSE BILL 2604

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By Representatives Mason, Radcliff, Johnson, Carlson, Kessler, Sheahan, Van Luven, Cole, Dickerson, Butler, Hatfield, Kenney, O'Brien, Chopp, Keiser, Anderson, Ogden, Costa, Quall and Gombosky

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1 AN ACT Relating to parent participation in education; creating a  
2 new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that there is a  
5 need for greater parent participation in the management of their  
6 children's education and its impact on the academic achievement and  
7 seamless transition between prekindergarten through twelfth grade and  
8 postsecondary opportunities in the state.

9 (2) The office of superintendent of public instruction, with  
10 assistance from the higher education coordinating board, shall study  
11 and make recommendations to the legislature concerning parents'  
12 participation in educating children from prekindergarten through  
13 twelfth grade and postsecondary opportunities. The office of  
14 superintendent of public instruction shall: (a) Evaluate the methods  
15 for parent participation in other states to increase academic  
16 achievement and increase use of postsecondary opportunities; (b)  
17 evaluate and recommend best practices for assuring effective  
18 communication between the educational system and parents; (c) evaluate

1 and recommend models for improved home and school communication and the  
2 training of educational professionals in providing these services.

3 (3) The office of superintendent of public instruction shall submit  
4 a final report with its findings and recommendations to the house of  
5 representatives and senate higher education committees by December 1,  
6 1998.

7 (4) This section expires December 30, 1998.

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