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HOUSE BILL 2719

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By Representatives McCune, Mulliken, Koster and O'Brien

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1            AN ACT Relating to the removal of children from school grounds;  
2 amending RCW 28A.605.010; and prescribing penalties.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.605.010 and 1997 c 411 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            (1) The board of directors of each school district by rule or  
7 regulation shall set forth proper procedure to ensure that each school  
8 within their district is carrying out district policy providing that no  
9 child may be removed from any school grounds or building thereon during  
10 school hours except by a person so authorized by a parent or legal  
11 guardian having legal custody thereof, except that a student may leave  
12 secondary school grounds only in accordance with the school district's  
13 open campus policy under RCW 28A.600.035. Such rules shall be  
14 applicable to school employees or their designees who may not remove,  
15 cause to be removed, or allow to be removed, any student from school  
16 grounds without authorization from the student's parent or legal  
17 guardian unless the employee is: The student's parent, legal guardian,  
18 or immediate family member, a school employee providing school bus  
19 transportation services in accordance with chapter 28A.160 RCW, a

1 school employee supervising an extracurricular activity in which the  
2 student is participating and the employee is providing transportation  
3 to or from the activity; or, the student is in need of emergent medical  
4 care, and the employee is unable to reach the parent for transportation  
5 of the student. School security personnel may remove a student from  
6 school grounds without parental authorization for disciplinary reasons.

7 (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit removal of  
8 a student from school grounds by any person acting in his or her  
9 official capacity in response to a 911 emergency call.

10 (3) It is an act of unprofessional conduct for a school district  
11 employee to provide transportation services to a student after school  
12 hours without the written authorization of the student's parent or  
13 legal guardian, unless the employee is: The student's parent, legal  
14 guardian, or immediate family member; a school employee providing  
15 school bus transportation services in accordance with chapter 28A.160  
16 RCW; or a school employee supervising an extracurricular activity in  
17 which the student is participating and the employee is providing  
18 transportation to or from the activity. All certificated instructional  
19 staff who violate this section are subject to the disciplinary actions  
20 of the superintendent of public instruction under RCW 28A.410.090.

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