
SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6546

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Deccio, Wood, Wojahn, Rasmussen, Hochstatter, McAuliffe, Finkbeiner, Prentice, Thibaudeau, Oke and Patterson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to school nurses; and creating new sections.

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

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that schools are being
4 asked to play an increasingly expanding role in protecting our
5 children's health. Schools are responsible for monitoring the
6 immunization of children, evaluating children's hearing and vision, and
7 screening for scoliosis. Chronically ill children often require
8 medically ordered treatment to enable them to attend school.
9 Prescription medication is often required to be given to children
10 during the school day. Schools are also responsible for identifying
11 and reporting child abuse, identifying drug and alcohol problems,
12 treating emergencies, providing counseling and assistance for teenage
13 parents, and providing AIDS education.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The joint legislative audit and review
15 committee shall continue the study of provision of health services in
16 Washington's public schools. The next phase of the study shall address
17 the following:

18 (1) Workloads of school nurses and other health workers;

1 (2) Recommendations on optimal levels of health services;
2 (3) Means of providing such health services including contracting
3 with local public health districts and other public and private
4 sources; and

5 (4) Funding methodologies and potential sources of funds.

6 The study shall be submitted to the appropriate committees of the
7 legislature and the governor by December 1, 1998.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
9 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
10 June 30, 1998, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
11 void.

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