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Sponsor(s): Representatives Carrell, Chandler, Mulliken, Boldt, Lambert, Mielke, Mitchell and Thompson

Brief Title: Revising provisions relating to offenders in schools.

HB 2454 - DIGEST

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Specifies the elements of the crime of sex offender loitering.

Provides that, if a school district knows that a student is adjudicated or convicted of a sex offense, as defined in RCW 9.94A.030, the school district may not place the student in a public school with other children more than three years younger than the sex offender. The school district may also not place the sex offender in a school that is within one thousand feet of another public or approved private school that has students more than three years younger than the sex offender.

Declares that any school district, educational service district, or consortium of school districts may create specialized schools for students who have been adjudicated or convicted of offenses and who pose a danger to themselves, other students, and staff. The schools may be designed to address the special educational needs of those students and the security needs of the students and staff. The schools may give priority in placement to adjudicated or convicted youth who are violent or chronically disruptive of the educational process and who would otherwise be subject to suspension or expulsion.