

FINAL BILL REPORT

ESB 5109

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Creating limited immunity for school districts.

Sponsors: Senators Patterson, McAuliffe, Prentice, Johnson, Hochstatter, Brown, Heavey, Kline, Finkbeiner, Benton, Winsley, Oke and Kohl-Welles.

Senate Committee on Education

House Committee on Judiciary

Background: Under current state law, a school district may permit school facilities to be used for public purposes.

In August 1998, Governor Locke and State School Superintendent Bergeson held a Youth Safety Summit. One of the recommendations contained in the Youth Safety Summit Report was that school facilities should be available beyond their traditional uses and hours for nonschool programs that serve youth, and that school district liability should be limited when these other groups use school facilities.

Summary: Beginning January 1, 2000, a school district is not liable for injuries caused by the actions or inactions of an employee of a private nonprofit youth program using school district facilities.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	45	0	
House	90	0	(House amended)
Senate	41	0	(Senate concurred)

Effective: January 1, 2000