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1 AN ACT Relating to school safety plans; amending RCW 28A.305.130;
2 adding a new section to chapter 28A.630 RCW; creating a new section;
3 and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends to improve student
6 safety by encouraging school districts to revise and update their
7 crisis and emergency plans and provide additional training to staff in
8 the implementation of those plans. The legislature finds that crisis
9 planning will prevent catastrophic events from escalating into school-
10 wide chaos, will minimize damage, and will help students, staff, and
11 parents recover from the crisis.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.305.130 and 1997 c 13 s 5 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 In addition to any other powers and duties as provided by law, the
15 state board of education shall:

16 (1) Approve or disapprove the program of courses leading to
17 teacher, school administrator, and school specialized personnel
18 certification offered by all institutions of higher education within

1 the state which may be accredited and whose graduates may become
2 entitled to receive such certification.

3 (2) Conduct every five years a review of the program approval
4 standards, including the minimum standards for teachers,
5 administrators, and educational staff associates, to reflect research
6 findings and assure continued improvement of preparation programs for
7 teachers, administrators, and educational staff associates.

8 (3) Investigate the character of the work required to be performed
9 as a condition of entrance to and graduation from any institution of
10 higher education in this state relative to such certification as
11 provided for in subsection (1) (~~above~~) of this section, and prepare
12 a list of accredited institutions of higher education of this and other
13 states whose graduates may be awarded such certificates.

14 (4)(a) The state board of education shall adopt rules to allow a
15 teacher certification candidate to fulfill, in part, teacher
16 preparation program requirements through work experience as a
17 classified teacher's aide in a public school or private school meeting
18 the requirements of RCW 28A.195.010. The rules shall include, but are
19 not limited to, limitations based upon the recency of the teacher
20 preparation candidate's teacher aide work experience, and limitations
21 based on the amount of work experience that may apply toward teacher
22 preparation program requirements under this chapter.

23 (b) The state board of education shall require that at the time of
24 the individual's enrollment in a teacher preparation program, the
25 supervising teacher and the building principal shall jointly provide to
26 the teacher preparation program of the higher education institution at
27 which the teacher candidate is enrolled, a written assessment of the
28 performance of the teacher candidate. The assessment shall contain
29 such information as determined by the state board of education and
30 shall include: Evidence that at least fifty percent of the candidate's
31 work as a classified teacher's aide was involved in instructional
32 activities with children under the supervision of a certificated
33 teacher and that the candidate worked a minimum of six hundred thirty
34 hours for one school year; the type of work performed by the candidate;
35 and a recommendation of whether the candidate's work experience as a
36 classified teacher's aide should be substituted for teacher preparation
37 program requirements. In compliance with such rules as may be
38 established by the state board of education under this section, the
39 teacher preparation programs of the higher education institution where

1 the candidate is enrolled shall make the final determination as to what
2 teacher preparation program requirements may be fulfilled by teacher
3 aide work experience.

4 (5) Supervise the issuance of such certificates as provided for in
5 subsection (1) (~~above~~) of this section and specify the types and
6 kinds of certificates necessary for the several departments of the
7 common schools by rule (~~or regulation~~) in accordance with RCW
8 28A.410.010.

9 (6) Accredite, subject to such accreditation standards and
10 procedures as may be established by the state board of education, all
11 schools that apply for accreditation, and approve, subject to the
12 provisions of RCW 28A.195.010, private schools carrying out a program
13 for any or all of the grades kindergarten through twelve: PROVIDED,
14 That no private school may be approved that operates a kindergarten
15 program only: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no public or private schools
16 shall be placed upon the list of accredited schools so long as secret
17 societies are knowingly allowed to exist among its students by school
18 officials: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the state board may elect to require
19 all or certain classifications of the public schools to conduct and
20 participate in such preaccreditation examination and evaluation
21 processes as may now or hereafter be established by the board.

22 (7) Make rules (~~and regulations~~) governing the establishment in
23 any existing nonhigh school district of any secondary program or any
24 new grades in grades nine through twelve. Before any such program or
25 any new grades are established the district must obtain prior approval
26 of the state board.

27 (8) Prepare such outline of study for the common schools as the
28 board shall deem necessary, and prescribe such rules for the general
29 government of the common schools, as shall seek to secure regularity of
30 attendance, prevent truancy, secure efficiency, and promote the true
31 interest of the common schools.

32 (9) Continuously reevaluate courses and adopt and enforce
33 (~~regulations~~) rules within the common schools so as to meet the
34 educational needs of students and articulate with the institutions of
35 higher education and unify the work of the public school system.

36 (10) Carry out board powers and duties relating to the organization
37 and reorganization of school districts under RCW 28A.315.010 through
38 28A.315.680 and 28A.315.900.

1 (11) By rule (~~or regulation promulgated~~) adopted upon the advice
2 of the chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of
3 fire protection, and in consultation with the state military
4 department, provide for the development of crisis and emergency plans
5 for school districts and schools. The plans shall include how to
6 prepare for, manage, and evaluate site-based responses to school
7 crises, including but not limited to natural disasters and violent acts
8 or serious injuries or death of students or staff. The plans shall
9 also provide for instruction of pupils in the public and private
10 schools carrying out a K through 12 program, or any part thereof, so
11 that in case of sudden emergency or crises they shall be able to leave
12 their particular school building in the shortest possible time or take
13 such other steps as the particular emergency demands, and without
14 confusion or panic; such rules (~~and regulations~~) shall be published
15 and distributed to certificated personnel throughout the state whose
16 duties shall include a familiarization therewith as well as the means
17 of implementation thereof at their particular school. The rules shall
18 also require each district to develop and update the plan at least once
19 every five years or more frequently if circumstances change. The board
20 shall develop standards for the plans that shall include but not be
21 limited to: Who to contact in an emergency, procedures for leaving a
22 building safely, and procedures for responding to an emergency. The
23 rules shall include procedures for training students and certificated
24 and classified staff.

25 (12) Hear and decide appeals as otherwise provided by law.

26 The state board of education is given the authority to promulgate
27 information and rules dealing with the prevention of child abuse for
28 purposes of curriculum use in the common schools.

29 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 28A.630
30 RCW to read as follows:

31 (1) The school safety grant program is created. The superintendent
32 of public instruction shall administer the program to provide grants,
33 to the extent funds are appropriated, to school districts to update the
34 crisis and emergency response plan for every school in their district
35 and to train staff in the implementation of the plans. The
36 superintendent of public instruction shall award grants to school
37 districts based upon demonstrated need and the district developing an
38 effective plan for updating and implementing their crisis and emergency

1 response plan. The grant funds shall be used for developing the plan,
2 staff training on implementing the plan, materials, and practicing the
3 plan.

4 (2) This section expires June 30, 2003.

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