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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1818**

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**By** House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Rockefeller, Cox, Quall, Haigh, Simpson, Edwards, Keiser, Conway, Schual-Berke, Kenney, Santos, Darneille and Jackley; by request of Governor Locke and Superintendent of Public Instruction)

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1 AN ACT Relating to school safety; adding new sections to chapter  
2 28A.320 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 28A.300 RCW; and creating  
3 new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that a supportive  
6 learning environment enhances student academic achievement. A  
7 supportive learning environment is one that is safe, civil, healthy,  
8 and intellectually stimulating where students are engaged in learning  
9 and are committed to acquiring the knowledge, attitudes, skills, and  
10 behaviors to succeed in the twenty-first century.

11 The legislature intends to improve the student learning environment  
12 by helping school districts implement comprehensive safe school plans  
13 that assist schools in providing a safe learning environment.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320  
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 A consistent comprehensive approach to school safety includes a  
17 comprehensive safe school plan and implementation of the plan covering  
18 prevention, intervention, all hazards and crisis response, and

1 postcrisis recovery. Staff, students, parents, the community, law  
2 enforcement, and emergency preparedness shall be involved in the  
3 development and implementation of the plan.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) To the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose, each  
7 local school board shall establish a policy requiring that each school  
8 in its district develop a written comprehensive safe school plan  
9 consistent with this section.

10 (2) The school district board of directors shall establish a  
11 process for approval of individual school plans. Plans shall be  
12 approved by September 1, 2002. Once approved, the school district  
13 shall develop a process to inform students, staff, volunteers, and  
14 parents about its comprehensive safe school plans.

15 (3) Each school shall annually conduct an evaluation of its  
16 comprehensive safe school plan and conduct reviews, drills, or  
17 simulated practices in coordination with local fire, law enforcement,  
18 medical, and emergency management agencies. Districts also shall  
19 annually provide information on the implementation and evaluation of  
20 the plans to parents and students.

21 (4) Each school shall maintain a copy of its comprehensive safe  
22 school plan and documentation of yearly reviews, drills, or simulated  
23 practices within the office of the school principal and shall make a  
24 copy of the report available for review upon written request.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300  
26 RCW to read as follows:

27 To the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose, a school  
28 safety center shall be established to provide school districts with:  
29 The assistance necessary to create a consistent, comprehensive approach  
30 to school safety for every school and every school district; the means  
31 to share safety information among school districts; and a process for  
32 schools to effectively integrate safe school planning with emergency  
33 preparedness personnel, the criminal justice training commission, and  
34 local, county, and state law enforcement officers.

35 The safety center shall disseminate successful models of school  
36 safety plans and cooperative efforts; provide assistance to schools to  
37 establish a comprehensive safe school plan; select models of

1 cooperative efforts that have been proven successful; act as an  
2 information dissemination and resource center when an incident occurs  
3 in a school district either in Washington or in another state;  
4 coordinate activities relating to school safety; review and approve  
5 manuals and curricula used for school safety models and training; and  
6 develop and maintain a school safety information web site.

7 The school safety center shall be established in the office of the  
8 superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent of public  
9 instruction shall appoint and participate in a school safety center  
10 advisory committee that includes, but is not limited to,  
11 representatives of educators, other school staff, administrators, the  
12 American society for industrial security, the state criminal justice  
13 training commission, law enforcement agencies, and others deemed  
14 appropriate and approved by the school safety center advisory  
15 committee. The advisory committee shall select a chair.

16 The school safety center advisory committee shall develop a  
17 training program, using the best practices in school safety, for all  
18 school safety personnel.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300  
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 To the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose, the office  
22 of the superintendent of public instruction shall contract with an  
23 independent vendor to establish the school safety hotline. The office  
24 of the superintendent of public instruction, with the recommendations  
25 of the school safety center advisory committee, shall develop the  
26 request for proposal to obtain hotline services. The hotline shall  
27 include the maintenance and operation of a toll-free, confidential  
28 hotline available for students, parents, school personnel, and  
29 community members to report information, including anonymous tips, on  
30 any activity threatening a school, students, visitors, or personnel,  
31 including suicide.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320  
33 RCW to read as follows:

34 To the extent funds are appropriated, a per pupil allocation shall  
35 be distributed to each school district, however no school district may  
36 be allocated less than two thousand dollars. School districts shall

1 use the funds to carry out district activities to develop and implement  
2 a comprehensive safe school plan.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** If specific funding for the purposes of this  
4 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by  
5 June 30, 2001, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and  
6 void.

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