
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5979

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By Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Zarelli, Finkbeiner, Hochstatter and Hewitt)

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

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 The legislature finds that establishing a school safety center will
8 provide school districts with: The assistance necessary to create a
9 consistent, comprehensive approach to school safety for every school
10 and every school district; the means to share safety information among
11 school districts; and a process for schools to effectively integrate
12 safe school planning with emergency preparedness personnel, the
13 criminal justice training commission, and local, county, and state law
14 enforcement officers.

15 The safety center shall disseminate successful models of school
16 safety plans and cooperative efforts; provide assistance to schools to
17 establish a comprehensive safe school plan; select models of
18 cooperative efforts that have been proven successful; act as an
19 information dissemination and resource center when an incident occurs

1 in a school district either in Washington or in another state;
2 coordinate activities relating to school safety; review and approve
3 manuals and curricula used for school safety models and training; and
4 develop and maintain a school safety information web site.

5 The school safety center shall be established in the office of the
6 superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent of public
7 instruction shall participate in a school safety center advisory
8 committee that includes representatives of educators, classified staff,
9 principals, superintendents, administrators, the American society for
10 industrial security, the state criminal justice training commission,
11 and others deemed appropriate and approved by the school safety center
12 advisory committee. Members of the committee shall be chosen by the
13 groups they represent. In addition, the Washington association of
14 sheriffs and police chiefs shall appoint representatives of law
15 enforcement to participate on the school safety center advisory
16 committee. The advisory committee shall select a chair.

17 The school safety center advisory committee shall develop a
18 training program, using the best practices in school safety, for all
19 school safety personnel. The criminal justice training commission with
20 assistance of the advisory committee shall develop manuals and
21 curricula for a training program for all school safety personnel. The
22 Washington state criminal justice training commission, in collaboration
23 with the advisory committee, shall provide the school safety training
24 for all school administrators and school safety personnel, including
25 school safety personnel hired after the effective date of this section.

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

28 A consistent comprehensive approach to school safety includes a
29 comprehensive safe school plan and implementation of the plan. Each
30 school district shall direct schools in its district to develop, by
31 September 1, 2003, a comprehensive safe school plan. The plan shall
32 cover prevention, intervention, all hazards and crisis response, and
33 postcrisis recovery. Staff, students, parents, the community, law
34 enforcement, and emergency preparedness shall be involved in the
35 development and implementation of the plan. Each school shall annually
36 review its comprehensive safe school plan.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
4 contract with an independent vendor to establish the school safety
5 hotline. The office of the superintendent of public instruction, with
6 the recommendations of the school safety center advisory committee,
7 shall develop the request for proposal to obtain hotline services. The
8 hotline shall include the maintenance and operation of a toll-free,
9 confidential hotline available for students, parents, school personnel,
10 and community members to report information, including anonymous tips,
11 on any activity threatening a school, students, visitors, or personnel,
12 including suicide.

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

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