

SENATE BILL 6094

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By Senators Hochstatter and Stevens

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1            AN ACT Relating to information on education alternatives; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6            All school districts have a duty to advise each parent or guardian  
7 who has requested information on education alternatives of the  
8 differences between home-based education provided for in chapter  
9 28A.200 RCW and all forms of alternative education provided for by law  
10 or rule. The school district must provide each parent or guardian  
11 requesting information about home-based education or alternative  
12 education a document to be signed by the parent or guardian in  
13 substantially the following form:

14 INFORMED CONSENT REGARDING INSTRUCTION

15 Name of student: . . . . . Identification: . . . . .

16 Dear Parent or Guardian:

1 You have inquired about education alternatives for your child. You  
2 have a right to know by law that there are differences between home-  
3 based instruction and alternative education.

4 Home-based education is governed by chapter 28A.200 RCW. Chapter  
5 28A.200 RCW recognizes that the parent has the responsibility for all  
6 educational decisions relating to philosophy or doctrine, selection of  
7 books, teaching materials, and curriculum, and methods, timing, and  
8 place for the provision or evaluation of home-based instruction.  
9 Subject to certain annual standardized student testing requirements,  
10 excluding the Washington assessment of student learning, the parent is  
11 free to educate the parent's child as he or she sees fit. The parent  
12 and the child receive no financial support from the state or the school  
13 district. The school district does not receive credit for funding  
14 purposes for the child if the child receives home-based schooling. The  
15 applicable statutes are set forth on the back of this form.

16 The various alternative education programs are also governed by  
17 state law and rule. There are different types of alternative  
18 education. Although the parent can be part of his or her child's  
19 education, the school district, subject to state and federal law, is  
20 still in control of decisions regarding curriculum. The school  
21 district also receives credit for your child's enrollment for the  
22 purpose of state funding.

23 I, parent or guardian, understand the difference between home-based  
24 education and alternative education and want my child to receive:

25 . . . Home-based schooling

26 . . . Alternative education through (name of school district)

27 DATED this . . . day of . . . . ., year.

28 . . . . .

29 Parent or guardian

30 The school district shall not receive any level of state funding  
31 for any student placed in alternative education under chapter 28A.150  
32 RCW et seq. unless and until the district provides the signed consent  
33 form provided for in this section to the superintendent of public  
34 instruction.

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