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SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6351
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By Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, McAuliffe, Finkbeiner, Rasmussen, Hochstatter, Stevens, Eide, Kohl-Welles, Keiser and Oke)

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1   AN ACT Relating to safety of school employees and students; adding
2 a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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   (1) By September 1, 2003, each school district board of directors
7 shall adopt a policy that addresses the following issues:
8   (a) Procedures for providing notice of threats of violence or harm
9 to the student or school employee that is the subject of the threat;
10   (b) A definition of "threats of violence or harm"; and
11   (c) Whether or not any such threat of violence or harm made by a
12 student may be grounds for immediate suspension or expulsion of the
13 student.
14   (2) The school safety center advisory committee shall develop a
15 model policy that includes the issues listed in subsection (1) of this
16 section by January 1, 2003. The model policy shall be posted on the
17 superintendent of public instruction's web site. The school districts,
18 in drafting their own policies, shall review the model policy designed
19 by the school safety center advisory committee.

1   (3) School districts, school district boards of directors, school
2 officials, and school employees providing notice in good faith as
3 required and consistent with the board's policies adopted under this
4 section are immune from any liability arising out of such notification.
5   (4) A person who intentionally and in bad faith or maliciously,
6 knowingly makes a false notification of a threat under this section is
7 guilty of a misdemeanor punishable under RCW 9A.20.021.

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