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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 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320 5 RCW to read as follows:
- 6 (1) Each school district board of directors shall adopt policies 7 requiring that school district officials notify:
- 8 (a) The parent of a student when the student's name appears on a 9 targeted list that threatens violence or harm to the student on the 10 list or when threats of violence or harm are made by another student;
- 11 and
- 12 (b) A school employee whose name appears on a targeted list that 13 threatens violence or harm to the school employee on the list or when 14 threats of violence or harm are made regarding the school employee.
- 15 (2) The policies shall require that the notice be provided by 16 telephone or in person within twelve hours of discovering the targeted
- 17 list or learning of the threat and with written notification sent
- 18 within twenty-four hours of discovering the targeted list or learning
- 19 of the threat.

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(3) School districts, school district boards of directors, school officials, and school employees providing notice in good faith as required and consistent with the board's policies adopted under this section are immune from any liability arising out of such notification.

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(4) A person who intentionally and in bad faith or maliciously, knowingly makes a false notification of a threat under this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable under RCW 9A.20.021.

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