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1 AN ACT Relating to teaching skills to strengthen family
2 communication and relationship skills; adding a new section to chapter
3 28A.320 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; and creating
4 a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Strong marital relationships result in
7 stronger children, families, and ultimately, stronger communities and
8 place less of a fiscal burden on the state. Relationship skills can be
9 learned, and once learned these skills can facilitate communication and
10 assist couples in avoiding conflict. In addition, effective
11 relationship skills are used in parenting, the workplace, schools,
12 neighborhoods, and other relationships. The state has a compelling
13 interest in encouraging its citizens in developing the relationship and
14 communication skills that are vital for a successful and fulfilling
15 marriage.

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

18 Each school district board of directors shall develop and adopt a

1 family preservation education program curriculum and offer a one credit
2 family preservation course in high school. If the board of directors
3 chooses not to adopt the model curriculum developed by the
4 superintendent of public instruction, the board shall submit to the
5 office of superintendent of public instruction a copy of its proposed
6 curriculum for approval.

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

9 The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
10 develop a family preservation education program model curriculum that
11 is available to each of the school district boards of directors. The
12 model curriculum shall be posted on the superintendent of public
13 instruction's web site. The model curriculum shall include, but is not
14 limited to, instruction on developing conflict management skills,
15 communication skills, financial responsibility, and parenting
16 responsibility.

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