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By Senators Mulliken, Hargrove, Hewitt, Doumit, T. Sheldon, Finkbeiner, Haugen, Honeyford, Stevens, Morton, Johnson and Esser

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1 AN ACT Relating to school districts with an enrollment of less than  
2 three thousand students; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.320  
3 RCW.

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.320  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) All school districts with a student enrollment of less than  
8 three thousand students are exempt from all state statutes and rules  
9 applicable to school districts and school district boards of directors  
10 except as provided in this section.

11 (2) All such school districts may elect to comply with one or more  
12 provisions of the statutes or rules that are applicable to school  
13 districts and school district board of directors.

14 (3) All such school districts shall:

15 (a) Comply with state and federal health, safety, and civil rights  
16 laws applicable to school districts;

17 (b) Participate in nationally normed standardized achievement tests  
18 as required in RCW 28A.230.190, 28A.230.193, and 28A.230.230 and the

1 elementary, middle school, and high school standards and assessment  
2 examinations as required in RCW 28A.655.060;

3 (c) Employ certificated instructional staff as required in RCW  
4 28A.410.010, but may hire noncertificated instructional staff of  
5 unusual competence and in exceptional cases as specified in RCW  
6 28A.150.260;

7 (d) Comply with the employee record check requirements in RCW  
8 28A.400.303;

9 (e) Be subject to the same financial and audit requirements as  
10 other school districts;

11 (f) Comply with the annual performance report under RCW  
12 28A.655.110;

13 (g) Follow the performance improvement goals and requirements  
14 adopted by the academic achievement and accountability commission by  
15 rule under RCW 28A.655.030;

16 (h) Report at least annually to parents of children enrolled in the  
17 district on progress toward the student performance goals specified in  
18 (g) of this subsection; and

19 (i) Comply with the open public meetings act in chapter 42.30 RCW;  
20 and

21 (j) Comply with chapters 41.56, 41.58, and 41.59 RCW.

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