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1 AN ACT Relating to providing funding and training for child
2 abduction prevention; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW;
3 adding new sections to chapter 28A.320 RCW; adding a new section to
4 chapter 28A.410 RCW; creating a new section; making an appropriation;
5 providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The words "missing child" call to mind
8 tragic and frightening child abductions reported in the national news.
9 These events have left many parents frightened and unsure about how to
10 best protect their children. Children of every age, gender, and race
11 are vulnerable to child abduction because, as children, they often lack
12 the skills to protect themselves.

13 The legislature finds that in 2003, there were twenty-one thousand
14 three hundred ninety-six missing juvenile reports filed with law
15 enforcement agencies in Washington state. On any given day, there are
16 approximately one thousand seven hundred missing juveniles in our
17 state. The legislature further finds that Washington's children can be
18 protected by teaching them how to avoid many of the dangerous
19 situations that they may encounter.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall create a pilot
4 project for selected school districts to identify instructional
5 materials and resources for parents and teachers to use to provide
6 instruction designed to prevent the abduction of children. School
7 districts shall be selected to participate so that instructional
8 materials and resources are identified for each grade level of
9 kindergarten through eighth grade.

10 (2) Upon request from a school district participating in the pilot
11 project, the superintendent shall provide technical assistance to
12 assist in the selection or development of relevant instructional
13 materials and resources.

14 (3) By May 1, 2004, the superintendent shall disseminate to all
15 school districts in the state information about the availability of the
16 grants and the procedure for obtaining the grants.

17 (4) By October 1, 2005, the superintendent shall disseminate to all
18 school districts in the state the list of instructional materials and
19 resources to aid in the prevention of child abduction that were
20 recommended by the school districts participating in the pilot project.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 School districts may apply to the office of the superintendent of
24 public instruction to voluntarily participate in the pilot project
25 established under section 2 of this act. To be eligible for a grant,
26 the school district must agree to take the following actions:

27 (1) To require the instructional materials committee of the school
28 district, in accordance with RCW 28A.320.230, to recommend
29 instructional materials and resources that meet the following criteria:

30 (a) Provide instruction on awareness, skills, and information to
31 aid in the prevention of child abduction; and

32 (b) Are age appropriate to the needs and abilities of students at
33 successive grade levels taught within the district.

34 (2) By September 1, 2005, to provide a list of the materials
35 recommended by the instructional materials committee to the office of
36 the superintendent of public instruction.

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

3 By December 1, 2005, after reviewing the list of recommended
4 instructional materials and resources disseminated by the
5 superintendent of public instruction in accordance with section 2 of
6 this act, each school district shall review the comprehensive safe
7 school plan of the district created under RCW 28A.320.125 and shall
8 consider including in the plan the use of appropriate materials and
9 resources on the list provided by the superintendent.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.410
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 The Washington professional educator standards board shall review
13 teacher training materials and programs that address prevention of
14 child abductions and recommend to the state board of education those
15 materials and programs that should be used for the following purposes:

16 (1) Included in preparation programs for teachers, administrators,
17 and educational staff associates that are approved by the state board
18 of education under RCW 28A.305.130; or

19 (2) Included in in-service training approved by the state board
20 under RCW 28A.415.020.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or
22 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the general
23 fund to the office of the superintendent of public instruction for the
24 fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, to carry out the pilot project
25 created in section 2 of this act.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 2 through 4 of this act expire
27 January 1, 2006.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** This act is necessary for the immediate
29 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
30 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
31 immediately.

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