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Sponsor(s): Senators Schmidt, Kohl-Welles, Winsley and Regala

Brief Description: Protecting preschool and elementary school students assisting in school kitchens.

**SB 5917 - DIGEST**

Provides that, before any child in preschool through fifth grade is allowed to work or help in a school kitchen, a parental/guardian permission slip that details the duties and responsibilities, as well as the potential risks to the student, must be signed and returned to appropriate food service management.

Directs the superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the Washington state school directors' association, parents, and representatives of food service employee groups, to develop a policy to be implemented in all elementary schools for protecting children in preschool through fifth grade who assist in school kitchens.

Requires that, by January 1, 2004, the superintendent of public instruction shall verify that all districts are implementing the policy and report to the legislature.