
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2396

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By House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Dickerson, Williams, Appleton, Moeller, Hasegawa, Darneille, Morrell, Roberts, Kagi, Flannigan and Upthegrove)

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1 AN ACT Relating to school safety and security personnel; creating
2 new sections; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that:

5 (a) School district boards of directors may find it necessary to
6 employ school security personnel or to rely upon school resource
7 officers to preserve a safe and beneficial learning environment;

8 (b) A school's culture and climate are, in part, determined by the
9 quality of interaction between the school's employees, students, and
10 parents, and affect the level of disciplinary activity required within
11 the school;

12 (c) There is currently no state licensure available specifically
13 for school security personnel; and

14 (d) There are currently no state rules regarding what training and
15 qualifications school security personnel should possess, and opinions
16 differ within the field of education regarding the role of school
17 security professionals in elementary and secondary schools.

18 (2) The legislature seeks to obtain information and recommendations
19 from persons within the field of education and school security

1 regarding, among other things, a model policy for school security,
2 whether a license for school security personnel should be created, and
3 what skills and abilities school security personnel should possess to
4 successfully perform the essential functions of their positions.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The Washington school safety center
6 advisory committee, working with the superintendent of public
7 instruction, shall convene a work group comprised of representatives
8 from:

- 9 (a) The office of the superintendent of public instruction;
- 10 (b) The Washington state commission on Asian Pacific American
11 affairs;
- 12 (c) The Washington state commission on African-American affairs;
- 13 (d) The Washington state commission on Hispanic affairs;
- 14 (e) The governor's office of Indian affairs;
- 15 (f) Elementary and secondary school districts, including
16 administrators, certificated employees, and safety professionals;
- 17 (g) Educational service districts;
- 18 (h) Law enforcement professionals;
- 19 (i) The department of licensing;
- 20 (j) The Washington state parent-teacher association;
- 21 (k) The Washington schools risk management pool and other
22 interested risk managers that provide services to school districts in
23 Washington;
- 24 (l) Parents and guardians of school-age children; and
- 25 (m) Other individuals with related expertise as deemed appropriate
26 by the work group.

27 (2) The work group shall evaluate and make recommendations to the
28 legislature regarding, at least the following:

- 29 (a) A model policy regarding the duties and roles of school
30 security professionals within the educational environment, including
31 the use of force by such professionals, that provides necessary
32 flexibility for schools with different needs and differing demographic,
33 geographic, cultural, and other characteristics;
- 34 (b) What minimum skills and abilities a school security
35 professional should possess to effectively perform the essential job
36 functions of such a position, and what minimum training should be
37 required of school security professionals;

1 (c) Whether benefit would be gained by developing a school security
2 license or licenses and, if so, what the minimum requirements for such
3 licensure should be;

4 (d) Whether a limited law enforcement commission for school
5 security professionals should be developed and, if so, what the
6 essential job functions of and qualifications for such a commission
7 should be; and

8 (e) A model policy regarding supervision of school security
9 professionals.

10 (3) The work group shall submit to appropriate committees of the
11 legislature a final report and recommendations regarding the topics in
12 subsection (2) of this section by November 15, 2006.

13 (4) This section expires July 1, 2007.

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