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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 superintendent of public instruction
6 shall, within existing resources, convene a work group comprised of
7 representatives from:

- 8 (a) The office of the superintendent of public instruction;
- 9 (b) Elementary and secondary school districts, including
10 administrators, certificated employees, and safety professionals;
- 11 (c) Educational service districts;
- 12 (d) Law enforcement professionals;
- 13 (e) The department of licensing;
- 14 (f) The Washington state parent-teacher association;
- 15 (g) The Washington schools risk management pool and other
16 interested risk managers that provide services to school districts in
17 Washington;
- 18 (h) Parents and guardians of school-age children; and
- 19 (i) Other individuals with related expertise as deemed appropriate
20 by the work group.

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

- 23 (a) A model policy regarding the duties and roles of school
24 security professionals within the educational environment, including
25 the use of force by such professionals, that provides necessary
26 flexibility for schools with different needs and differing demographic,
27 geographic, cultural, and other characteristics;
- 28 (b) What minimum skills and abilities a school security
29 professional should possess to effectively perform the essential job
30 functions of such a position, and what minimum training should be
31 required of school security professionals;
- 32 (c) Whether benefit would be gained by developing a school security
33 license or licenses and, if so, what the minimum requirements for such
34 licensure should be;
- 35 (d) Whether a limited law enforcement commission for school
36 security professionals should be developed and, if so, what the

1 essential job functions of and qualifications for such a commission
2 should be; and

3 (e) A model policy regarding supervision of school security
4 professionals.

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

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

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