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SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6580

State of Washington 59th Legislature 2006 Regular Session

By Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Schmidt, Weinstein, Carrell, Berkey, Rasmussen, Oke and Shin)

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to sex offender and kidnapping offender 2 notification and information sharing in schools; creating a new
- 3 section; and providing an expiration date.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall convene a work group to develop a model policy for schools to follow when they receive notification pursuant to RCW 9A.44.130. The model policy must address, among other issues:
 - (a) The designation of appropriate school personnel to receive notification of information received pursuant to RCW 9A.44.130;
 - (b) Identification of school personnel who are in a position to recognize high-risk situations or factors that may indicate the offender is encountering difficulty in controlling his or her behavior;
 - (c) Whether some portion of the records received from the juvenile rehabilitation administration or court personnel is confidential or otherwise protected;
- 17 (d) To whom some portion of the information received must or should 18 be disclosed;

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- 1 (e) How to assist juvenile offenders in making a safe and 2 successful transition from institutional schools to public schools;
 - (f) How to work with juvenile probation and juvenile parole professionals in implementing a safety plan;
 - (g) What actions school authorities may take when they identify high-risk situations, both for the short-term and long-term safety of other students; and
- 8 (h) Variations in approaches depending on the offender level of the 9 enrolled offender.
 - (2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall develop a model curriculum to be used throughout the state to inform parents and other interested community members about:
 - (a) The laws related to sex offenses, and the classification of sex offenders based on an assessment of the risk of reoffending;
 - (b) How to recognize sex offender behaviors and how to take positive steps in preventing victimization;
 - (c) How safety information may be conveyed to children so that they can avoid or appropriately take action in dangerous situations; and
 - (d) How to take advantage of community resources for victims of sexual assault.
 - (3) In carrying out its duties under this section, the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall consult, as appropriate, with representatives from other agencies and professional organizations, including:
 - (a) The Washington state school directors association;
 - (b) The department of corrections;
- 27 (c) County sheriffs' offices;
- 28 (d) Prosecuting attorneys;

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- (e) Juvenile probation counselors;
- (f) Juvenile court administrators;
- 31 (g) The juvenile rehabilitation administration of the department of 32 social and health services;
 - (h) Elementary and secondary school districts;
- 34 (i) Educational service districts;
- 35 (j) The Washington association of school administrators;
 - (k) The Washington state parent-teacher association;
- 37 (1) Parents and guardians of school-age children; and

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- 1 (m) Other individuals with related experience as deemed 2 appropriate.
 - (4) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall submit to appropriate committees of the legislature a final report and recommendations by November 15, 2006.
 - (5) This section expires July 1, 2007.

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