

SHB 2884 - H AMD 1114

By Representative Anderson

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The Washington state school directors'
4 association shall mediate and facilitate a school disciplinary action
5 task force to review and make recommendations on the development of a
6 model policy regarding the use of physical force on students in public
7 schools. For the purpose of the task force review, physical force
8 shall, at a minimum, include the use of physical or bodily restraint as
9 well as mechanical and chemical restraint devices.

10 (2) The task force shall be chaired by a member of the Washington
11 state school directors' association and shall consist of twelve
12 additional members. The members shall be appointed as provided in this
13 subsection.

14 (a) The president of the senate shall appoint one member from each
15 of the two largest caucuses of the senate. The speaker of the house of
16 representatives shall appoint one member from each of the two largest
17 caucuses of the house of representatives. Legislative members of the
18 task force shall be reimbursed in accordance with RCW 44.04.120.

19 (b) The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs shall
20 appoint one member.

21 (c) The Washington association of prosecuting attorneys shall
22 appoint one member.

23 (d) The Washington state parent teacher association shall appoint
24 one member.

25 (e) The superintendent of public instruction shall select a member
26 of the school safety advisory committee to serve as a member of the
27 task force.

28 (f) The Washington state school directors' association shall
29 appoint the remaining four members of the task force from organizations
30 that express interest in participating on the task force and that have

1 a history of involvement with school disciplinary action. One of the
2 appointments shall be a representative of an organization representing
3 the minority community that has been actively involved in monitoring
4 the issue of school disciplinary action. One of the appointments shall
5 be a representative of a civil rights organization that has been
6 actively involved in monitoring the issue of school disciplinary
7 action. For the remaining two appointments, the association shall
8 strive to appoint members who are representative of a wide range of
9 viewpoints and backgrounds, including representation from community
10 members and public education stakeholders.

11 (3) The Washington state school directors' association shall staff
12 the task force.

13 (4) In developing recommendations, the task force shall review a
14 representative sampling of discipline policies used in other states and
15 those used by school districts in Washington. The task force shall, at
16 a minimum, develop recommendations on the following issues:

17 (a) A description and recommendation on the methods of physical
18 force that should be authorized at the school and under what
19 conditions, including definitions of relevant terms. The
20 recommendations shall, at a minimum, distinguish when each of the types
21 of physical force, including mechanical or chemical restraint, should
22 and should not be used, who should and should not be authorized to use
23 each type of physical force, and recommendations for when de-escalation
24 tactics should be used;

25 (b) Recommendations for training requirements for those authorized
26 to use each of the types of physical force as well as training
27 recommendations for de-escalation tactics;

28 (c) Recommendations on incident reporting requirements and the
29 follow-up procedures to be used whenever there is a use of physical
30 force by school personnel, including, at a minimum, written reporting
31 requirements, the timeline of the reporting requirements, and whether
32 there should be annual reporting to the office of the superintendent of
33 public instruction of additional data on disciplinary action, including
34 physical force; and

35 (d) Recommendations on procedures for notification to parents or
36 guardians.

37 (5) The task force shall submit a report with recommendations to
38 the education committees of the legislature by November 2008."

1 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Strikes all of the language following the enacting clause and provides that a 13 person task force, including 4 members of the Legislature, must mediate and facilitate a school disciplinary action task force and provide recommendations to the Legislature regarding development of a model policy on the use of physical, chemical, and mechanical restraints on students in public schools.

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