
HOUSE BILL 2599

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1 AN ACT Relating to disability history month; adding a new section
2 to chapter 28A.230 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW; and
3 creating new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This act may be known and cited as the
6 disability history month act.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The legislature finds that annually
8 recognizing disability history throughout our entire public educational
9 system, from kindergarten through grade twelve and at our colleges and
10 universities, during the month of October will help to increase
11 awareness and understanding of the contributions that people with
12 disabilities in our state, nation, and the world have made to our
13 society. The legislature further finds that recognizing disability
14 history will increase respect and promote acceptance and inclusion of
15 people with disabilities. The legislature further finds that
16 recognizing disability history will inspire students with disabilities
17 to feel a greater sense of pride, reduce harassment and bullying, and
18 help keep students with disabilities in school.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.230
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 Annually, during the month of October, each public school shall
4 conduct or promote educational activities that provide instruction,
5 awareness, and understanding of disability history and people with
6 disabilities. The activities may include, but not be limited to,
7 school assemblies or guest speaker presentations.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 Annually, during the month of October, each of the public
11 institutions of higher education shall conduct or promote educational
12 activities that provide instruction, awareness, and understanding of
13 disability history and people with disabilities. The activities may
14 include, but not be limited to, guest speaker presentations.

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