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By Senators McAuliffe, Tom, Hobbs, Eide, Oemig, Weinstein, Clements, Kauffman, Murray and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to training for school directors; adding a new
2 section to chapter 28A.343 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that school directors
5 provide direction and oversight to public education in a community.
6 The legislature further finds that historically, school directors have,
7 among other things, approved budgets and contracts, determined the need
8 for local levy and bond issues, and dealt with concerns voiced by a
9 school district's constituents. The legislature further finds that the
10 roles and responsibilities of school boards seem to be changing because
11 of the new demands created by state and federal education reform and
12 school accountability policies. The legislature further finds that
13 these responsibilities include setting the vision for the school
14 district, creating successful board and superintendent relations,
15 understanding school law and finance, accounting for school and school
16 district improvement, using data to make decisions, and advocating for
17 public education in the community, regionally, and at the state level.
18 The legislature further finds that training in these areas will support

1 school directors to assist students, schools, and school districts be
2 successful.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.343
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 Subject to available funding, each member of a school district
6 board of directors shall complete a minimum of seven hours of training
7 annually. The hours of training obtained by each member must be posted
8 on the school district's web site.

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