

E2SHB 1443 - S AMD TO S AMD (S-2830.1/11) **347**
By Senator Nelson

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1 On page 36, after line 19 of the amendment, insert the following:

2 "PART VI
3 HOME STUDIES

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 601.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 Whenever a student receives an unsatisfactory evaluation as
7 evidenced by consistent performance below grade level in one or more
8 subjects or repeated violations of the school's code of conduct, the
9 district shall, in collaboration with the department of social and
10 health services, conduct a home study to determine whether the child's
11 home environment is a significant contributing factor in the child's
12 school performance. The home study required under this section shall
13 include a criminal background check of the child's parent or parents,
14 and if the child was born via a surrogacy contract, the home study also
15 shall include a mental health evaluation of the child's parent or
16 parents. A home study shall be required annually under this section
17 until the district and the department of social and health services
18 find that the results of the home study required under this section do
19 not raise significant concerns about the physical and mental well-being
20 of the child.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 602.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 The department shall collaborate with a school district requesting
24 a home study, and the mental health evaluation if applicable, under
25 section 601 of this act. The costs of the home study shall be shared
26 equally between the department, the school district, and the parent or
27 parents of the child."

1 Renumber the remaining part and sections consecutively and correct
2 any internal references accordingly.

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3 On page 37, line 8 of the title amendment, after "28A.405 RCW;"
4 insert "adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW; adding a new
5 section to chapter 74.13 RCW;"

EFFECT: Requires a school district to collaborate with the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to conduct a home study for a child consistently performing below grade level or repeatedly violating the school's code of conduct. Directs that the home study include a criminal background check and, in cases of a child born via surrogacy, a mental health evaluation of the parent or parents also must be conducted. Requires an annual home study be conducted until the DSHS and the school district find that the results of the home study do not raise significant concerns about the physical or mental well-being of the child.

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