

SSB 6431 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that according to the
4 department of health, suicide is the second leading cause of death for
5 Washington youth between the ages of ten and twenty-four. Suicide
6 rates among Washington's youth remain higher than the national average.
7 An increasing body of research shows an association between adverse
8 childhood experiences such as trauma, violence, or abuse, and decreased
9 student learning and achievement. Underserved youth populations in
10 Washington who are not receiving access to state services continue to
11 remain at risk for suicide.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.300.288 and 2011 c 185 s 3 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
15 work with state agency and community partners to ((develop pilot
16 projects to)) assist schools in implementing youth suicide prevention
17 activities, which may include the following:

18 (a) Training for school employees, parents, community members, and
19 students in recognizing and responding to the signs of suicide;

20 (b) Partnering with local coalitions of community members
21 interested in preventing youth suicide; and

22 (c) Responding to communities determined to be in crisis after a
23 suicide or attempted suicide to prevent further instances of suicide.

24 (2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction, working
25 with state and community partners, shall prioritize funding
26 appropriated for subsection (1) of this section to communities
27 identified as the highest risk.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
2 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
3 June 30, 2014, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
4 void."

5 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Changes the prioritization of the expenditures for youth
suicide prevention activities from specified populations to communities
identified as highest risk.

 Adds a null and void clause. The bill is null and void unless
funded in the budget.

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