

2SSB 5244 - S AMD 64

By Senators Rolfes, Litzow

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1 On page 10, after line 18, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.600
3 RCW to read as follows:

4 (1) School districts should make efforts to have suspended or
5 expelled students return to the educational setting they were suspended
6 or expelled from as soon as possible. School districts should convene
7 a school reentry meeting with the student and the student's parents or
8 guardians within twenty days of the student's long-term suspension or
9 expulsion to discuss a plan to reenter and reengage the student in a
10 school program.

11 (2) In developing a reentry and reengagement plan, school districts
12 should consider shortening the length of time that the student is
13 suspended or expelled, other forms of corrective action, and supportive
14 interventions that aid in the student's academic success and keep the
15 student engaged and on track to graduate. School districts must create
16 a reentry and reengagement plan tailored to the student's individual
17 circumstances, including consideration of the incident that led to the
18 student's long-term suspension or expulsion. The plan should aid the
19 student in taking the necessary steps to remedy the situation that led
20 to the student's suspension or expulsion.

21 (3) Any reentry meetings conducted by the school district involving
22 the suspended or expelled student and his or her parents or guardians
23 are not intended to replace a petition for readmission."

24 Renumber the remaining section consecutively and correct any
25 internal references accordingly.

26 On page 10, after line 28, insert the following:

1 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Nothing in chapter . . . , Laws of 2013
2 (this act) prevents a public school district, law enforcement agencies,
3 or law enforcement personnel from enforcing laws protecting health and
4 human safety. Such laws encompass crimes that include, but are not
5 limited to, prohibitions against possession of firearms or other
6 dangerous weapons; gang activity; abusing or insulting teachers;
7 willfully disobeying school administrative personnel or refusing to
8 leave public property; disturbing school, school activities, or
9 meetings; intimidating any administrator, teacher, classified employee,
10 or student by threat of force or violence; or interfering by force or
11 violence with any administrator, teacher, classified employee, person
12 under contract with the school or school district, or student of any
13 common school who is in the peaceful discharge or conduct of his or her
14 duties or studies."

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15 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "28A.300.507;" strike the
16 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
17 28A.600 RCW; and creating new sections."

EFFECT: Restores language from the substitute bill, adding back
the requirement for a reentry meeting to be convened within 20 days of
a long-term suspension or expulsion and requiring development of a
reentry and reengagement plan.

Clarifies that the act does not supersede or nullify laws
protecting health and human safety.

FISCAL IMPACT: Development of individual reentry and

reengagement plans is anticipated to cost \$3,421,000 in the 2013-2015 biennium. (Biennial cost ongoing.)

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