
Education Committee

2SSB 6062

Brief Description: Requiring internet access to public school data and expenditure information.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hill, Litzow, Becker, Honeyford, Bailey, Hobbs, Angel, Fain, Braun and Tom).

Brief Summary of Second Substitute Bill

- Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to create rules for an internet-based portal that provides public access to public school employee collective bargaining agreements (CBAs) and certain specified data elements.
- Requires public schools to provide specified information about each CBA to the OSPI within 60 days of the approval of the agreement.

Hearing Date: 2/19/14

Staff: Barbara McLain (786-7383).

Background:

Classified employees of school districts and charter schools are authorized to engage in collective bargaining with their employing district or school under the same laws that apply to other non-state public employees and employers. There is a separate law that authorizes certificated school employees, except senior administrators, also to engage in collective bargaining. The scope of bargaining includes wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment or working conditions.

There is no state repository of school collective bargaining agreements (CBAs).

The term "public school" includes the common schools operated by school districts, charter schools, and any school maintained at public expense with a curriculum below college level. Legislation enacted in 2013 authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction to enter into state-tribal education compacts for the operation and state financial support of tribal schools.

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Summary of Bill:

The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) must create and maintain rules for an internet-based portal that provides public access to public school employee CBAs and certain specified data elements. For each approved and renewed CBA, the school must provide information on the agreement within 60 days of its approval.

The information must be provided on a form prescribed by the OSPI and must include, but is not limited to, the following elements:

- the term of the agreement;
- the total supplemental salary amount and average supplemental salary per employee;
- the total number of in-service days;
- the total number of sick leave days, personal leave days, and holidays;
- the maximum contracted class size by grade and overload concessions;
- additional compensation provided for time, responsibility, incentives, or other purposes;
- annual percentage of change in total salary from prior year;
- district-wide average hours of student instructional time per school year by grade;
- provisions addressing actions taken specifically to eliminate the opportunity gap;
- beginning September 15, 2015, any items, terms, policies, practices, customs, or conditions in the agreement, that were not included in information provided to the OSPI in any prior year; and
- whether the agreement contains a no-strike clause.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.