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By Representatives Orcutt, Santos, Dahlquist, Pike, Vick, Haler, Hargrove, Buys, Magendanz, and Bergquist

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1 AN ACT Relating to adding a requirement to sexual health education
2 to include legal elements of and consequences of conviction for sexual
3 offenses where a minor is the victim; and amending RCW 28A.300.145.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.300.145 and 2006 c 135 s 2 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The Washington coalition of sexual assault programs, in
8 consultation with the Washington association of sheriffs and police
9 chiefs, the Washington association of prosecuting attorneys, and the
10 office of the superintendent of public instruction, shall develop
11 educational materials to be made available throughout the state to
12 inform parents, students, school districts, and other interested
13 community members about:

14 ~~((1))~~ (a) The laws related to sex offenses, including the legal
15 elements of sexual offenses under chapter 9A.44 RCW where a minor is a
16 victim, the consequences upon conviction, and sex offender
17 registration, community notification~~((+,+))~~, and the classification of
18 sex offenders based on an assessment of the risk of reoffending;

1 ~~((2))~~ (b) How to recognize behaviors characteristic of sex
2 offenses and sex offenders;

3 ~~((3))~~ (c) How to prevent victimization, particularly that of
4 young children;

5 ~~((4))~~ (d) How to take advantage of community resources for
6 victims of sexual assault; and

7 ~~((5))~~ (e) Other information as deemed appropriate.

8 (2) By September 1, 2014, and biennially thereafter, the Washington
9 coalition of sexual assault programs, in consultation with the
10 Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, the Washington
11 association of prosecuting attorneys, and the office of the
12 superintendent of public instruction, shall review and update the
13 educational materials developed under subsection (1) of this section to
14 assure that they remain current and accurate, and are age-appropriate
15 for a variety of ages.

16 (3) Every public school that offers sexual health education must
17 assure that sexual health education teaches students to take
18 responsibility for and understand the consequences of their own
19 behavior and to avoid exploitive or manipulative relationships. To do
20 this, sexual health education programs must include age-appropriate
21 information about the legal elements of sexual offenses under chapter
22 9A.44 RCW where a minor is a victim and the consequences upon
23 conviction, as well as the other information required to be included in
24 informational materials prepared pursuant to subsection (1) of this
25 section. Public schools that offer sexual health education must
26 incorporate the materials developed under subsection (1) of this
27 section into the curriculum to meet these objectives.

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