
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5563

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By Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Litzow, Rolfes, Keiser, McAuliffe, and Kline)

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1 AN ACT Relating to training school employees in the prevention of
2 sexual abuse; amending RCW 28A.410.035, 28A.300.145, and 28A.400.317;
3 and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that when teachers and
6 school staff are trained in identifying and preventing child sexual
7 abuse, commercial sexual abuse of minors, and sexual exploitation of
8 minors, students benefit.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.410.035 and 1990 c 90 s 1 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

11 To receive initial certification as a teacher in this state after
12 August 31, 1991, an applicant shall have successfully completed a
13 course on issues of abuse. The content of the course shall discuss the
14 identification of physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, and
15 substance abuse((7)); commercial sexual abuse of a minor, as defined in
16 RCW 9.68A.100; sexual exploitation of a minor, as defined in RCW
17 9.68A.040; information on the impact of abuse on the behavior and
18 learning abilities of students((7)); discussion of the responsibilities

1 of a teacher to report abuse or provide assistance to students who are
2 the victims of abuse((~~τ~~)); and methods for teaching students about
3 abuse of all types and their prevention.

4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.300.145 and 2006 c 135 s 2 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The Washington coalition of sexual assault programs, in
7 consultation with the Washington association of sheriffs and police
8 chiefs, the Washington association of prosecuting attorneys, the
9 Washington state school directors' association, the association of
10 Washington school principals, the center for children and youth
11 justice, youthcare, the committee for children, the department of early
12 learning, the department of social and health services, the office of
13 crime victims advocacy, other relevant organizations, and the office of
14 the superintendent of public instruction, shall ((~~develop~~)) by June 1,
15 2014, update existing educational materials ((~~to be~~)) made available
16 throughout the state to inform parents and other interested community
17 members about:

18 (1) The laws related to sex offenses, including registration,
19 community notification((~~+~~)), and the classification of sex offenders
20 based on an assessment of the risk of reoffending;

21 (2) How to recognize behaviors characteristic of sex offenses and
22 sex offenders;

23 (3) How to prevent victimization, particularly that of young
24 children;

25 (4) How to take advantage of community resources for victims of
26 sexual assault; ((~~and~~))

27 (5) How to prevent children from being recruited into sex
28 trafficking; and

29 (6) Other information as deemed appropriate.

30 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.400.317 and 2004 c 135 s 1 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

32 (1) A certificated or classified school employee who has knowledge
33 or reasonable cause to believe that a student has been a victim of
34 physical abuse or sexual misconduct by another school employee, shall
35 report such abuse or misconduct to the appropriate school
36 administrator. The school administrator shall cause a report to be

1 made to the proper law enforcement agency if he or she has reasonable
2 cause to believe that the misconduct or abuse has occurred as required
3 under RCW 26.44.030. During the process of making a reasonable cause
4 determination, the school administrator shall contact all parties
5 involved in the complaint.

6 (2) Certificated and classified school employees shall receive
7 training regarding their reporting obligations under state law in their
8 orientation training when hired and then every three years thereafter.
9 The training required under this subsection (~~(shall take place)~~) may be
10 incorporated within existing training programs and related resources.

11 (3) Nothing in this section changes any of the duties established
12 under RCW 26.44.030.

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