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SENATE BILL 5822

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By Senators Pearson and Shin

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1 AN ACT Relating to notifying school districts of substantiated  
2 concerns of child abuse or neglect; and adding a new section to chapter  
3 26.44 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 26.44 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) If child protective services has knowledge of substantiated  
8 abuse or neglect, not mere allegations of child abuse or neglect, child  
9 protective services shall contact the public school district where the  
10 child is enrolled and share the information related to the abuse or  
11 neglect with the school district's superintendent or the  
12 superintendent's designee.

13 (2) Each school district shall have a designated point of contact  
14 where child protective services can share substantiated concerns of  
15 child abuse or neglect with the school district superintendent or the  
16 superintendent's designee.

17 (3) Information provided to public school districts on  
18 substantiated child abuse or neglect must remain confidential and may

1 only be shared with school district personnel who have a legitimate  
2 educational interest.

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