
SENATE BILL 6063

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1 AN ACT Relating to efforts to close and eliminate the opportunity
2 gap; adding a new section to chapter 41.59 RCW; adding a new section to
3 chapter 41.56 RCW; 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 the opportunity
6 gap is demonstrated by the difference between the highest performing
7 subgroups of students and all other subgroups of students. The
8 legislature recognizes that there is strong research that shows that
9 the opportunity gap can lead to higher dropout rates, negative impacts
10 on the economy, and elevates stress in the community in the areas of
11 crime, violence, and poverty. The legislature intends to sharpen the
12 focus of school districts on the opportunity gap by requiring each
13 collective bargaining agreement to address actions to be taken to close
14 and eliminate the opportunity gap.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 41.59 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 Each collective bargaining agreement entered, reopened, and renewed

1 after the effective date of this section must specifically address
2 actions to be taken in accordance with the agreement to close and
3 eliminate the opportunity gap.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 41.56 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 Each collective bargaining agreement entered, reopened, and renewed
7 after the effective date of this section must specifically address
8 actions to be taken in accordance with the agreement to close and
9 eliminate the opportunity gap.

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