

**3SHB 1682** - S AMD TO WM COMM AMD (S-5055.1/16) **715**

By Senators Ranker, Litzow, Fain, Frockt, Cleveland

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1 On page 6, after line 4 of the amendment, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 6. RCW 28A.320.145 and 2014 c 212 s 3 are each amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 (1) On an annual basis, each school district must strongly  
5 encourage:

6 (a) All school staff to annually review the video posted on the  
7 office of the superintendent of public instruction's web site on how  
8 to identify signs that indicate a student may be homeless, how to  
9 provide services and support to homeless students, and why this  
10 identification and support is critical to student success to ensure  
11 that homeless students are appropriately identified and supported;  
12 and

13 (b) Every district-designated homeless student liaison to attend  
14 trainings provided by the state to ensure that homeless children and  
15 youth are identified and served.

16 (2) Each school district shall include in existing materials that  
17 are shared with students at the beginning of the school year or at  
18 enrollment, information about services and support for homeless  
19 students, including the provisions of section 7 of this act. School  
20 districts may use the brochure posted on the web site of the office  
21 of the superintendent of public instruction as a resource. Schools  
22 are also strongly encouraged to use a variety of communications each  
23 year to notify students and families about services and support  
24 available to them if they experience homelessness, including but not  
25 limited to:

26 (a) Distributing and collecting an annual housing intake survey;

27 (b) Providing parent brochures directly to students and families;

28 (c) Announcing the information at school-wide assemblies; or

29 (d) Posting information on the district's web site or linking to  
30 the office of the superintendent of public instruction's web site.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320  
32 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) As allowed by RCW 7.70.065(2), a school nurse, school  
2 counselor, or homeless student liaison is authorized to provide  
3 informed consent for health care for a patient under the age of  
4 majority when:

5 (a) Consent is necessary for nonemergency outpatient primary care  
6 services, including physical examinations, vision examinations and  
7 eyeglasses, dental examinations, hearing examinations, and hearing  
8 aids, immunizations, treatments for illnesses and conditions, and  
9 routine follow-up care customarily provided by a health care provider  
10 in an outpatient setting, excluding elective surgeries;

11 (b) The patient meets the definition of a "homeless child or  
12 youth" under the federal McKinney-Vento homeless education assistance  
13 improvements act of 2001, P.L. 107-110, January 8, 2002, (115 Stat.  
14 2005); and

15 (c) The patient is not under the supervision or control of a  
16 parent, custodian, or legal guardian.

17 (2) A person consenting to care under this section and the  
18 person's employing school are not liable for any care or payment for  
19 any care rendered pursuant to this section.

20 (3) A person consenting to care under this section must provide  
21 written notice of his or her exemption from liability under this  
22 section to the person providing care."

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23 On page 6, line 8 of the title amendment, after "28A.300.540"  
24 insert "and 28A.320.145"

25 On page 6, line 10 of the title amendment, after "adding" strike  
26 "a new section" and insert "new sections"

**EFFECT:** Provides additional support services for homeless  
students by allowing school nurses, school counselors, or the  
homeless student liaison to provide consent for health care under  
certain listed circumstances. Only applies to students who are not

under the supervision or control of a parent, custodian, or legal guardian.

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