
HOUSE BILL 1562

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By Representatives Sullivan, Tarleton, and Orwall

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1 AN ACT Relating to allergen information in schools; adding a new
2 chapter to Title 28A RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds:

5 (a) One in every thirteen children have potentially life
6 threatening allergies;

7 (b) A person is sent to the emergency room due to food allergies
8 every three minutes in the United States;

9 (c) Studies show that from 1997 to 2007 allergies increased
10 eighteen percent among children under age eighteen;

11 (d) Food allergies are the leading cause of anaphylaxis outside
12 of the hospital setting;

13 (e) The economic cost of children's food allergies in the United
14 States is twenty-five billion dollars per year.

15 (2) The purpose of this chapter is to protect students with food
16 allergies and to inform students and parents about the ingredients
17 used in preparing meals at school.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** As used in this chapter:

1 (1) "Allergen" means any substance that causes an allergy
2 including, but not limited to, gluten, wheat, peanuts, pine nuts,
3 tree nuts, seafood, and dairy.

4 (2) "Allergen information" means a list of all of the ingredients
5 in food served at the public school.

6 (3) "Public school" has the meaning provided in RCW 28A.150.010.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Public schools must display allergen
8 information on a conspicuous sign in a prominent place within each
9 area where food is served.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act
11 constitutes a new chapter in Title 28A RCW.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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