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and Tarleton

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1 AN ACT Relating to a pilot program to implement regional school
2 safety and security centers in three educational service districts;
3 creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that school
6 personnel are often the first responders when there is a violent
7 threat or natural or man-made disaster at a school. The legislature
8 further finds that school personnel need to be trained to intervene
9 and provide assistance during these emergency incidents. The
10 legislature recognizes an educational service district has developed
11 a model for a regional school safety and security center, which can
12 provide this type of training. The legislature intends to provide
13 training to other regions in the state by authorizing a pilot program
14 to create regional school safety and security centers in three other
15 educational service districts.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) During the 2015-2017 biennium, three
17 educational service districts shall implement a pilot program to
18 create regional school safety and security centers in each of the
19 three educational service districts.

20 (2) The pilot program must include the following components:

1 (a) Establishment of a network of school safety coordinators for
2 the educational service districts, which shall focus on prevention
3 planning, intervention, mitigation, crisis response, and community
4 recovery regarding emergency incidents in schools;

5 (b) Collaboration with the educational service district that
6 developed the model for a regional school safety and security center
7 to adopt its model for a regional school safety and security center;

8 (c) Creation of a technology-based system that enables more
9 efficient and effective communication between schools and emergency
10 response entities, including local law enforcement, local fire
11 department, and state and federal responders;

12 (d) Provision of technology support to improve communication and
13 data management between schools and emergency response entities;

14 (e) Ongoing training of school personnel and emergency responders
15 to establish a system for preventative identification, intervention
16 strategies, and management of risk behaviors;

17 (f) Development of a professional development to train school
18 personnel as first responders until the arrival of emergency
19 responders; and

20 (g) Building a collaborative relationship between educational
21 service districts participating in the pilot program and the office
22 of the superintendent of public instruction and focusing on expanding
23 regional school safety and security centers to all of the other
24 educational service districts.

25 (3) This section expires December 31, 2017.

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