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HOUSE BILL 2149

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By Representative Senn

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1 AN ACT Relating to the promotion of a safe and healthy school  
2 learning climate; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.150 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.150  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) Beginning with the 2015-16 school year, an enhancement of 0.5  
7 additional certificated instructional staff per prototypical  
8 elementary school must be allocated for purposes of promoting a safe  
9 and healthy school learning climate. The allocations required by this  
10 section are in addition to the allocations required by RCW  
11 28A.150.260. The allocation formula in this section is for school  
12 district allocation purposes only, but funding so appropriated must  
13 be expended for the purposes of this section.

14 (2) Services that may be supported by these allocations include,  
15 but are not limited to:

16 (a) Physical care;

17 (b) Mental health care and social emotional learning. Social  
18 emotional learning is the process through which children acquire the  
19 knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to recognize and manage  
20 their emotions, demonstrate caring for others, establish positive

1 relationships, make responsible decisions, and handle challenging  
2 situations constructively; and

3 (c) Connecting students and their families, particularly homeless  
4 students and their families, to housing assistance, employment  
5 assistance, counseling, and other community resources.

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