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By Representatives McCabe, Orwall, Dent, Senn, Caldier, Johnson, Fagan, Parker, Kagi, Gregerson, and Santos

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1 AN ACT Relating to a curriculum for the prevention of sexual  
2 abuse for students; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.230 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.230  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The Erin's law task force is established for the purpose of  
7 creating and implementing a curriculum for the prevention of sexual  
8 abuse for students from kindergarten through twelfth grade in the  
9 state of Washington. The task force comprises:

10 (a) The director of the department of early learning or the  
11 director's designee;

12 (b) The superintendent of public instruction or the  
13 superintendent's designee;

14 (c) The attorney general or the attorney general's designee;

15 (d) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house  
16 of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
17 representatives;

18 (e) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the  
19 senate, appointed by the president of the senate;

20 (f) One representative of a state association of principals;

1 (g) One teacher selected by the largest union of teachers in the  
2 state;

3 (h) One teacher selected by the office of the superintendent of  
4 public instruction; and

5 (i) One representative of a state association of school  
6 counselors.

7 (2) The task force must choose or develop a model curriculum for  
8 the prevention of sexual abuse for students from kindergarten through  
9 twelfth grade and make implementation recommendations to the  
10 appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2016. The  
11 model curriculum must:

12 (a) Be evidence-based;

13 (b) Be age-appropriate and culturally sensitive;

14 (c) Include a professional training component for administrators,  
15 teachers, and other school staff on talking to students about child  
16 sexual abuse prevention, the effects of sexual abuse on children,  
17 handling disclosures, and mandatory reporting;

18 (d) Include a component that encourages parental involvement in  
19 child sexual abuse prevention; and

20 (e) Allow school districts the flexibility to determine when and  
21 how the curriculum is offered to students.

22 (3) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
23 make the model curriculum available on its web site at no charge to  
24 the school districts, and shall update the curriculum periodically.

25 (4) Each school district shall implement a curriculum for the  
26 prevention of sexual abuse for students from kindergarten through  
27 twelfth grade that meets the requirements in subsection (2) of this  
28 section, beginning in the 2017-18 school year. Districts are  
29 encouraged to adopt the Erin's law task force model curriculum.

30 (5) Each school district shall provide the parents or guardians  
31 of each student with written notice of the opportunity to opt out of  
32 the curriculum required under subsection (4) of this section.

33 (6) The superintendent of each school district shall designate  
34 one of the district's staff with the responsibility for the  
35 district's compliance with this section.

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