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SENATE BILL 6002

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By Senators Chase, Keiser, McAuliffe, McCoy, Hasegawa, and Jayapal

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1 AN ACT Relating to pesticide application in school facilities;  
2 adding new sections to chapter 28A.345 RCW; and creating new  
3 sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that children are  
6 more vulnerable than adults to the hazardous effects of pesticide  
7 exposure. The intent of this act is to protect children and staff by  
8 making it easier for school districts to adopt child-friendly pest  
9 management strategies. This may be accomplished in part through  
10 development and use of an integrated pest management program that  
11 emphasizes use of nonchemical pest control measures.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** By January 1, 2016, the Washington state  
13 school directors' association, in consultation with the department of  
14 health and the superintendent of public instruction, shall develop a  
15 model integrated pest management policy that emphasizes the use of  
16 nonchemical pest control measures. The model integrated pest  
17 management policy must be disseminated to all school districts. The  
18 model integrated pest management policy shall, at a minimum,  
19 incorporate the "IPM Standards for Schools: Tactics and Resources for  
20 Reducing Pest and Pesticide Risks in Schools and Other Sensitive

1 Environments" as published by the IPM institute of North America,  
2 inc. as of the effective date of this section.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** By September 1, 2016, each school district  
4 shall have adopted an integrated pest management policy and begin  
5 implementation of an integrated pest management program that is based  
6 on the model integrated pest management policy developed under  
7 section 2 of this act. Each school district may phase in  
8 implementation of its integrated pest management program. However,  
9 each school district shall obtain the IPM STAR certification pursuant  
10 to the "IPM Standards for Schools: Tactics and Resources for Reducing  
11 Pest and Pesticide Risks in Schools and Other Sensitive Environments"  
12 by September 1, 2020.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) Any appropriation for the fiscal year  
14 ending June 30, 2016, from the general fund for the purposes of  
15 providing technical assistance to each school district regarding  
16 implementation of each school district's integrated pest management  
17 program shall go to the Washington State University urban integrated  
18 pest management program.

19 (2) If Washington State University is provided funding under  
20 subsection (1) of this section, Washington State University must  
21 prepare an annual report to the legislature for fiscal year 2016 and  
22 each year thereafter during which Washington State University has  
23 received funding regarding the technical assistance it has provided  
24 to school districts. The report must include, but is not limited to,  
25 information on:

- 26 (a) The districts that have received technical assistance;  
27 (b) The nature and extent of the assistance;  
28 (c) Each district's progress on obtaining IPM STAR certification;  
29 and  
30 (d) The amount and nature of costs incurred by Washington State  
31 University in providing technical assistance to school districts.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 2 and 3 of this act are each  
33 added to chapter 28A.345 RCW.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** If specific funding for the purposes of  
35 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not

1 provided by June 30, 2015, in the omnibus appropriations act, this  
2 act is null and void.

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