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1 AN ACT Relating to cost-effective methods for maintaining and
2 increasing school safety; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300
3 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.310 RCW; creating new
4 sections; and providing an expiration date.

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

6 **PART I**

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that public
8 schools are required to have safe school plans and procedures in
9 place. The legislature acknowledges that there are costs associated
10 with these plans and procedures. The legislature intends to review
11 the funding of school safety and security programs and work toward a
12 statewide plan for funding cost-effective methods for school safety
13 that meet the needs of local school districts.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The Washington state institute for
15 public policy shall complete an evaluation of how Washington and
16 other states have addressed the funding of school safety and security
17 programs and submit a report to the appropriate committees of the
18 legislature, the governor, and the office of the superintendent of
19 public instruction by December 1, 2017.

1 (2) This section expires August 1, 2018.

2 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
3 RCW to read as follows:

4 (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction and
5 the school safety advisory committee shall hold annual school safety
6 summits. Each annual summit must focus on establishing and monitoring
7 the progress of a statewide plan for funding cost-effective methods
8 for school safety that meet local needs. Other areas of focus may
9 include planning and implementation of school safety planning
10 efforts, training of school safety professionals, and integrating
11 mental health and security measures.

12 (2) Summit participants must be appointed no later than August 1,
13 2016.

14 (a) The majority and minority leaders of the senate shall appoint
15 two members from each of the relevant caucuses of the senate.

16 (b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint two
17 members from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of
18 representatives.

19 (c) The governor shall appoint one representative.

20 (3) Other summit participants may include representatives from
21 the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the
22 department of health, educational service districts, educational
23 associations, emergency management, law enforcement, fire
24 departments, parent organizations, and student organizations.

25 (4) Staff support for the annual summit shall be provided by the
26 office of the superintendent of public instruction and the school
27 safety advisory committee.

28 (5) Legislative members of the summit are reimbursed for travel
29 expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative members are
30 not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they are elected
31 officials or are participating on behalf of an employer, governmental
32 entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for other
33 nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

34 **PART II**

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The legislature finds that school
36 personnel are often the first responders when there is a violent
37 threat or natural or man-made disaster at a school. The legislature

1 further finds there is a need to develop training for school
2 personnel to intervene and provide assistance during these emergency
3 incidents. The legislature recognizes an educational service district
4 has developed a model for a regional school safety and security
5 center, which can provide this type of training.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.310
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) Educational service districts may implement a regional school
9 safety and security program modeled after the educational service
10 district that has developed a regional school safety and security
11 center.

12 (2) The programs should include the following components:

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

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

20 (c) Creation of technology-based systems that enable more
21 efficient and effective communication between schools and emergency
22 response entities, including local law enforcement, local fire
23 department, and state and federal responders;

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

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

29 (f) Development of a professional development to train school
30 personnel as first responders until the arrival of emergency
31 responders; and

32 (g) Building collaborative relationships between other
33 educational service districts, the office of the superintendent of
34 public instruction, and the school safety advisory committee.

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