
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2442

State of Washington 65th Legislature 2018 Regular Session

By House Education (originally sponsored by Representative Manweller)

READ FIRST TIME 02/02/18.

1 AN ACT Relating to creating a students protecting students
2 program; adding a new section to chapter 28A.630 RCW; adding a new
3 section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
4 28A.320 RCW; providing an expiration date; and declaring an
5 emergency.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.630
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 (1) By May 1, 2018, school districts must report the following
10 information to the office of the superintendent of public
11 instruction:

12 (a) Any incident alert and reporting system in use by the
13 district; and

14 (b) If the district is not using an incident alert and reporting
15 system as of the effective date of this section, the barriers that
16 the district faces in implementing an incident alert and reporting
17 system. Barriers may include lack of support, training, availability,
18 awareness, or financial resources.

19 (2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction must
20 compile the district information required under this section and

1 report it to the appropriate committees of the legislature by June 1,
2 2018, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036.

3 (3) This section expires August 1, 2021.

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

6 (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction must
7 contract with a vendor to make available to public schools an
8 incident alert and reporting system, by the 2019-20 school year. The
9 incident alert and reporting system, named the students protecting
10 students program, must have, at a minimum, the following features:

11 (a) Availability as a mobile application;

12 (b) Fast, secure, and anonymous reporting by students to school
13 administrators of activities or the threat of activities that are
14 inappropriate, unsafe, harmful, dangerous, unethical, or illegal;

15 (c) Two-way messaging;

16 (d) The ability to include text, image, and video in reports and
17 messages;

18 (e) The ability to designate school administrators to receive and
19 respond to reports; and

20 (f) Protection of the privacy of student data, consistent with
21 federal and state laws.

22 (2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction must
23 contract for updates to the students protecting students program as
24 new technology is available.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
26 RCW to read as follows:

27 (1) Beginning in the 2019-20 school year, and except as provided
28 in subsection (2) of this section, school districts must implement
29 the students protecting students program, created under section 2 of
30 this act, in middle or junior high schools, and high schools.

31 (2) A school district that will be unable to implement the
32 students protecting students program that is created in section 2 of
33 this act, during the 2019-20 school year must submit a students
34 protecting students implementation plan to the office of the
35 superintendent of public instruction by the start of the 2019-20
36 school year.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
3 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
4 effect immediately.

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