
HOUSE BILL 2442

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By Representative Manweller

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating a students protecting students
2 program; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 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.320
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1)(a) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for
7 this specific purpose, the students protecting students program is
8 established for the primary purpose of providing students with a
9 fast, secure, and anonymous method of reporting activities or the
10 threat of activities that are inappropriate, unsafe, harmful,
11 dangerous, unethical, or illegal.

12 (b) At a minimum, a local students protecting students program
13 must have a mobile application with the following features:

14 (i) Fast, secure, and anonymous reporting to school
15 administrators of activities or the threat of activities that are
16 inappropriate, unsafe, harmful, dangerous, unethical, or illegal;

17 (ii) Two-way messaging;

18 (iii) The ability to include text, image, and video in reports
19 and messages;

20 (iv) The ability to designate school administrators who will
21 receive and respond to reports;

1 (v) The ability for school administrators to manage, escalate,
2 and analyze incidents;

3 (vi) Media to publicize and explain the application to students
4 and families; and

5 (vii) Protection of the privacy of student data, consistent with
6 federal and state laws.

7 (c) Nothing in this section prohibits a school district from
8 adding to the minimum program requirements described in this
9 subsection (1).

10 (2) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
11 specific purpose, beginning January 1, 2019, a public school with any
12 of grades seven through twelve must have a students protecting
13 students program.

14 (3) A student or school administrator who uses the students
15 protecting students program in good faith is immune from liability
16 arising out of such reporting.

17 (4) Nothing in this section creates any civil liability for
18 school districts, or creates a new cause of action or new theory of
19 negligence against a school district board of directors, a school
20 district, or the state.

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