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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing regional school safety centers in
2 educational service districts; adding a new section to chapter
3 28A.310 RCW; creating a new section; and repealing RCW 28A.310.505.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.310
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
8 specific purpose, educational service districts must establish
9 regional school safety centers as part of a statewide network, and as
10 required under this section.

11 (2) The purpose of this statewide network is to provide regional
12 coordination of school safety efforts across the state and to provide
13 school safety resources to the school districts in the region.

14 (3) The purposes of the regional school safety centers include:

15 (a) Mental health support, threat assessment training, prevention
16 planning, mitigation, preparedness, crisis response, and community
17 recovery concerning emergency incidents in schools;

18 (b) Supporting safe school plans, required under RCW 28A.320.125,
19 and supporting school districts with emergency planning and
20 preparedness for: Natural disasters including earthquakes, tsunamis,

1 mud slides and fire; chemical spills; human-made disasters; incidents
2 of school violence; and other disasters;

3 (c) Assisting with coordinating other entities in the region to
4 provide support to school districts before emergencies occur; and

5 (d) Coordinating staff trainings for school districts to maximize
6 efficiency for quality professional development related to school
7 safety.

8 (4) The regional school safety centers must provide, based on the
9 needs of the school districts in their region:

10 (a) Support for school districts' efforts to meet state
11 requirements regarding school safety;

12 (b) Technical assistance to school districts seeking funding for
13 first aid, health, and safety and security resources including
14 defibrillators and saws with automatic braking systems;

15 (c) Information related to resources available for anonymous
16 reporting systems for student concerns;

17 (d) Training for teachers and school staff to respond during the
18 critical period between the time an incident begins and outside help
19 arrives;

20 (e) Real time support for school districts in crisis by offering
21 information, best practices, and additional support including
22 personnel and other types of assistance; and

23 (f) Training for teachers and school staff for the development of
24 crisis teams and community recovery support.

25 (5) In addition, the regional school safety centers may, based on
26 the needs of the school districts in their region:

27 (a) Provide assistance, where feasible, in monitoring 911 calls
28 in the vicinity of schools across the state to provide early warnings
29 of dangerous situations in close proximity; and

30 (b) Implement a technology-based system to improve communication
31 between schools and emergency responders and provide assistance when
32 alerts are issued.

33 (6) For the purpose of implementing regional school safety
34 centers, educational service districts must employ a mental health
35 coordinator, a threat assessment coordinator, and a leadership
36 position for their regional school safety centers.

37 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.310.505 (Regional school safety
38 and security programs) and 2016 c 240 s 6 are each repealed.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of
2 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
3 provided by March 8, 2018, in the supplemental omnibus appropriations
4 act, this act is null and void.

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