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SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6410

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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Padden)

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1            AN ACT Relating to school safety; amending RCW 28A.320.125;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 28A.310 RCW; creating a new section;  
3 and repealing RCW 28A.310.505.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.320.125 and 2017 c 165 s 1 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7            (1) The legislature considers it to be a matter of public safety  
8 for public schools and staff to have current safe school plans and  
9 procedures in place, fully consistent with federal law. The  
10 legislature further finds and intends, by requiring safe school plans  
11 to be in place, that school districts will become eligible for  
12 federal assistance. The legislature further finds that schools are in  
13 a position to serve the community in the event of an emergency  
14 resulting from natural disasters or man-made disasters.

15            (2) Schools and school districts shall consider the guidance  
16 provided by the superintendent of public instruction, including the  
17 comprehensive school safety checklist and the model comprehensive  
18 safe school plans that include prevention, intervention, all hazard/  
19 crisis response, and postcrisis recovery, when developing their own  
20 individual comprehensive safe school plans. Each school district  
21 shall adopt, no later than September 1, 2008, and implement a safe

1 school plan consistent with the school mapping information system  
2 pursuant to RCW 36.28A.060. The plan shall:

3 (a) Include required school safety policies and procedures;

4 (b) Address emergency mitigation, preparedness, response, and  
5 recovery;

6 (c) Include provisions for assisting and communicating with  
7 students and staff, including those with special needs or  
8 disabilities;

9 (d) Use the training guidance provided by the Washington  
10 emergency management division of the state military department in  
11 collaboration with the Washington state office of the superintendent  
12 of public instruction school safety center and the school safety  
13 center advisory committee;

14 (e) Require the building principal to be certified on the  
15 incident command system;

16 (f) Take into account the manner in which the school facilities  
17 may be used as a community asset in the event of a community-wide  
18 emergency; and

19 (g) Set guidelines for requesting city or county law enforcement  
20 agencies, local fire departments, emergency service providers, and  
21 county emergency management agencies to meet with school districts  
22 and participate in safety-related drills.

23 (3) To the extent funds are available, school districts shall  
24 annually:

25 (a) Review and update safe school plans in collaboration with  
26 local emergency response agencies;

27 (b) Conduct an inventory of all hazardous materials;

28 (c) Update information on the school mapping information system  
29 to reflect current staffing and updated plans, including:

30 (i) Identifying all staff members who are trained on the national  
31 incident management system, trained on the incident command system,  
32 or are certified on the incident command system; and

33 (ii) Identifying school transportation procedures for evacuation,  
34 to include bus staging areas, evacuation routes, communication  
35 systems, parent-student reunification sites, and secondary  
36 transportation agreements consistent with the school mapping  
37 information system; and

38 (d) Provide information to all staff on the use of emergency  
39 supplies and notification and alert procedures.

1 (4) To the extent funds are available, school districts shall  
2 annually record and report on the information and activities required  
3 in subsection (3) of this section to the Washington association of  
4 sheriffs and police chiefs.

5 (5) School districts are encouraged to work with local emergency  
6 management agencies and other emergency responders to conduct one  
7 tabletop exercise, one functional exercise, and two full-scale  
8 exercises within a four-year period.

9 (6)(a) Due to geographic location, schools have unique safety  
10 challenges. It is the responsibility of school principals and  
11 administrators to assess the threats and hazards most likely to  
12 impact their school, and to practice three basic functional drills,  
13 shelter-in-place, lockdown, and evacuation, as these drills relate to  
14 those threats and hazards. Some threats or hazards may require the  
15 use of more than one basic functional drill.

16 (b) Schools shall conduct at least one safety-related drill per  
17 month, including summer months when school is in session with  
18 students. These drills must teach students three basic functional  
19 drill responses:

20 (i) "Shelter-in-place," used to limit the exposure of students  
21 and staff to hazardous materials, such as chemical, biological, or  
22 radiological contaminants, released into the environment by isolating  
23 the inside environment from the outside;

24 (ii) "Lockdown," used to isolate students and staff from threats  
25 of violence, such as suspicious trespassers or armed intruders, that  
26 may occur in a school or in the vicinity of a school; and

27 (iii) "Evacuation," used to move students and staff away from  
28 threats, such as fires, oil train spills, or tsunamis.

29 (c) The drills described in (b) of this subsection must  
30 incorporate the following requirements:

31 (i) Use of the school mapping information system in at least one  
32 of the safety-related drills; and

33 (ii) A pedestrian evacuation drill for schools in mapped tsunami  
34 hazard zones.

35 (d) The drills described in (b) of this subsection may  
36 incorporate an earthquake drill using the state-approved earthquake  
37 safety technique "drop, cover, and hold."

38 (e) Schools shall document the date, time, and type (shelter-in-  
39 place, lockdown, or evacuate) of each drill required under this  
40 subsection (6), and maintain the documentation in the school office.

1 (f) This subsection (6) is intended to satisfy all federal  
2 requirements for comprehensive school emergency drills and  
3 evacuations.

4 (7) Educational service districts are encouraged to apply for  
5 federal emergency response and crisis management grants with the  
6 assistance of the superintendent of public instruction and the  
7 Washington emergency management division of the state military  
8 department.

9 (8) The superintendent of public instruction may adopt rules to  
10 implement provisions of this section. These rules may include, but  
11 are not limited to, provisions for evacuations, lockdowns, or other  
12 components of a comprehensive safe school plan.

13 (9)(a) Whenever a first responder agency notifies a school of a  
14 situation which may necessitate an evacuation or lockdown, the agency  
15 must also determine if other schools in the vicinity are similarly  
16 threatened and must notify every other school in the vicinity for  
17 which an evacuation or lockdown appears reasonably necessary. For  
18 purposes of this subsection, "school" includes a private school under  
19 chapter 28A.195 RCW.

20 (b) A first responder agency and its officers, agents, and  
21 employees are not liable for any act, or failure to act, under this  
22 subsection unless a first responder agency and its officers, agents,  
23 and employees acted with willful disregard.

24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 28A.310  
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
27 specific purpose, two educational service districts, selected by the  
28 office of the superintendent of public instruction in coordination  
29 with the nine educational service districts, must establish regional  
30 school safety centers as part of a statewide network, and as required  
31 under this section. One of the regional school safety centers must be  
32 located east of the crest of the Cascade mountains, and one of the  
33 regional school safety centers must be located west of the crest of  
34 the Cascade mountains.

35 (2) The purpose of this statewide network is to provide regional  
36 coordination of school safety efforts related to behavioral health  
37 threat assessment and suicide prevention across the state and to  
38 provide school safety resources related to behavioral health threat

1 assessment and suicide prevention to the school districts in the  
2 region.

3 (3) The regional school safety centers must consult with the  
4 state school safety center within the office of the superintendent of  
5 public instruction in order to unify discussions around safety across  
6 the state.

7 (4) For the purpose of implementing regional school safety  
8 centers, the two selected educational service districts must employ a  
9 behavioral health threat assessment coordinator.

10 (5) Private schools under chapter 28A.195 RCW may contract with  
11 regional school safety centers for school safety resources and  
12 services.

13 (6) The regional school safety centers must provide technical  
14 assistance to school districts seeking funding for first aid, health,  
15 and safety and security resources including defibrillators and saws  
16 with automatic braking systems.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.310.505 (Regional school safety  
18 and security programs) and 2016 c 240 s 6 are each repealed.

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

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