

**ESSB 5395** - H AMD TO ED COMM AMD (H-4971.4/20) **2033**

By Representative Klippert

**NOT ADOPTED 03/04/2020**

1 On page 6, after line 10 of the striking amendment, insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.30 RCW  
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The department, in consultation with the office of the  
6 superintendent of public instruction, the department of revenue, and  
7 the state treasurer, shall develop a program to permit parents and  
8 guardians who withdraw a student from a public school because of the  
9 provision of comprehensive sexual health education student's school,  
10 to receive funding, in the form of a voucher, for the education costs  
11 of the student, including for costs associated with tuition at a  
12 private school or home-based instruction. Funding provided to parents  
13 and guardians in accordance with this subsection (1) must be  
14 comparable to the per-pupil amount provided to schools for general  
15 apportionment under RCW 28A.150.260.

16 (2) The department may adopt and periodically update rules for  
17 the creation and implementation program required by this section."  
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EFFECT: (1) Directs the Department of Commerce to develop a  
program to permit parents and guardians who withdraw a student from  
a public school because of the provision of comprehensive sexual  
health education at the student's school, to receive funding, in the  
form of a voucher, for the education costs of the student.

(2) Specifies that the funding provided to parents or guardians  
must be comparable to the per-pupil amount provided to schools under  
general apportionment requirements.

(3) Authorizes the Department of Commerce to adopt and  
periodically update rules for the creation and implementation of the  
voucher program.

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