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**SENATE BILL 6191**

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**By** Senators Braun, Darneille, Hasegawa, O'Ban, Rolfes, Short, and Wilson, C.

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1 AN ACT Relating to assessing the prevalence of adverse childhood  
2 experiences in middle and high school students to inform decision  
3 making and improve services; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300  
4 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature stated in RCW  
7 70.305.005 that "adverse childhood experiences are a powerful common  
8 determinant of a child's ability to be successful at school and, as  
9 an adult, to be successful at work, to avoid behavioral and chronic  
10 physical health conditions, and to build healthy relationships."

11 (2) The legislature recognizes that the healthy youth survey is a  
12 voluntary and anonymous survey administered every two years to  
13 students in sixth, eighth, tenth, and twelfth grades.

14 (3) The legislature intends to include questions related to  
15 adverse childhood experiences in the healthy youth survey to help  
16 assess the prevalence of adverse childhood experiences throughout the  
17 state. The legislature further intends for this data to help inform  
18 school district and community decision making and improve services  
19 for students.

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

3        (1) (a) The office of the superintendent of public instruction, in  
4    collaboration with the health care authority, the department of  
5    health, and the liquor and cannabis board, must incorporate the  
6    centers for disease control and prevention's behavioral risk factor  
7    surveillance system adverse childhood experiences module into the  
8    healthy youth survey.

9        (b) Student responses to the healthy youth survey are voluntary  
10   and must remain anonymous.

11       (c) The office of the superintendent of public instruction must  
12   publish the aggregated student responses to the adverse childhood  
13   experiences module by state, educational service district, county,  
14   school district, and school building.

15       (2) School districts are encouraged to use the information about  
16   adverse childhood experiences in their decision making and to help  
17   improve services for students.

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