
SENATE BILL 6389

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By Senator Fortunato

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1 AN ACT Relating to evaluating school safety drills and monitoring
2 school safety plans and programs; amending RCW 28A.300.645; adding
3 new sections to chapter 43.101 RCW; creating new sections;
4 recodifying RCW 28A.300.645; and making an appropriation.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that school
7 districts must adopt and implement certain safety plans and programs.
8 The legislature also acknowledges that schools must conduct at least
9 one safety-related drill per month to teach students three basic
10 functional drill responses: Shelter-in-place, lockdown, and
11 evacuation. To determine the effectiveness of these drills,
12 especially in the event of an active shooter, the legislature intends
13 that the criminal justice training commission establish a team of
14 evaluators to review and provide feedback to school districts on
15 their performance of these drills. Additionally, the legislature
16 intends that the criminal justice training commission assume the
17 responsibility of monitoring certain safety plans and programs.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101
19 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) The commission must establish a team of evaluators to review
2 and provide feedback on school safety-related drills required under
3 RCW 28A.320.125.

4 (2) The team of evaluators must observe and document the
5 performance of school safety-related drills against criteria
6 developed by the commission. The team of evaluators must provide this
7 documentation to school districts.

8 (3) The commission must determine a schedule for this review in
9 the following order:

10 (a) Large urban school districts;

11 (b) Large rural school districts; and then

12 (c) Small school districts.

13 (4) The commission may adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW to
14 implement this section.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.300.645 and 2019 c 333 s 7 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
18 specific purpose, in order to ensure that public schools and school
19 districts are meeting the requirements of RCW 28A.320.125 relating to
20 comprehensive safe school plans, RCW 28A.320.127 related to plans for
21 recognition, initial screening, and response to emotional or
22 behavioral distress in students, and RCW 28A.320.123 relating to
23 school-based threat assessment programs, the (~~superintendent of~~
24 ~~public instruction~~) commission shall monitor these programs no less
25 than once every five years. This duty shall be solely performed by
26 the commission.

27 (2) The (~~superintendent of public instruction~~) commission must
28 consult with the superintendent of public instruction and interested
29 stakeholders to develop data collection and submission requirements
30 for school districts as they relate to RCW 28A.320.125 relating to
31 comprehensive safe school plans, RCW 28A.320.127 related to plans for
32 recognition, initial screening, and response to emotional or
33 behavioral distress in students, and RCW 28A.320.123 relating to
34 school-based threat assessment programs.

35 (3) By December 1, 2020, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036,
36 the (~~office of the superintendent of public instruction~~) commission
37 must report to the appropriate committees of the legislature
38 regarding the (~~office's~~) commission's plans for data collection and

1 monitoring under this section and describing any implementation
2 issues that could be fixed through legislation.

3 (4) The (~~superintendent of public instruction~~) commission may
4 adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW to implement this section.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.300.645 is recodified as a section
6 in chapter 43.101 RCW.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The sum of one hundred thousand dollars,
8 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the
9 fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, from the general fund to the
10 criminal justice training commission for the purposes of this act.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act does not create a private right
12 of action.

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