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**SENATE BILL 6608**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senators Ericksen, Wagoner, Rivers, Honeyford, Wilson, L., Padden, and Fortunato

Read first time 01/24/20. Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

1 AN ACT Relating to school choice; and adding a new section to  
2 chapter 28A.150 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.150  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature acknowledges that parents are in the best  
7 position to determine which school best meets their child's  
8 educational needs. Parents need to be empowered to send their child  
9 to their school of choice. The legislature declares that every parent  
10 has a right to choose how and where his or her child is educated in  
11 the state of Washington.

12 (2) The legislature intends to support parental school choice by  
13 making state funding follow each child to the school of choice.  
14 Schools include public schools, including charter schools, and  
15 private schools.

16 (3) By September 1, 2020, the office of the superintendent of  
17 public instruction must submit a report with recommendations to the  
18 legislature on how to implement this section including necessary

1 amendments to the state Constitution and any necessary statutory  
2 changes.

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