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**HOUSE BILL 1420**

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**State of Washington 67th Legislature 2021 Regular Session**

**By** Representatives MacEwen, Rude, J. Johnson, Robertson, Jacobsen, and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to ensuring that critical school employees receive priority for receipt of the COVID-19 vaccine; adding a new section to chapter 70.54 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 70.54 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Any criteria used by the state to allocate vaccine doses for the COVID-19 virus must include the following persons in the category of critical workers given first priority for receipt of the vaccine:

(a) Public and private school teachers;

(b) Classified on-site public school staff; and

(c) Private school employees who are the equivalent of classified on-site public school staff.

(2) This section supersedes any allocation criteria issued by the state prior to the effective date of this section.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately.

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