

SSB 5594 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Education

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature recognizes that it
4 has previously found that every three minutes an American child or
5 adult is diagnosed with a potentially fatal blood disease. For many
6 of these individuals, bone marrow transplantation is the only chance
7 for survival. The legislature finds that 70 percent of patients do
8 not have a fully matched donor in their family and rely on a registry
9 to find an unrelated donor. The legislature further finds that 40 to
10 71 percent of individuals with diverse heritage never find a bone
11 marrow match. The ultimate key to survivability lies in increasing
12 the number of bone marrow donors across all ethnicities, which will
13 increase the potential for a suitable match.

14 (2) It is the intent of the legislature to continue to increase
15 awareness of bone marrow donation by encouraging school districts,
16 charter schools, and state-tribal compact schools to offer
17 instruction on this topic to high school students in at least one
18 health class necessary for graduation. The legislature also intends
19 for this instruction to be optional for elementary and middle school
20 students.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.210
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 (1) Each school district, charter school, and state-tribal
24 education compact school that serves students in any of grades nine
25 through 12 is encouraged to offer instruction in awareness of bone
26 marrow donation to students as provided in this section. Beginning
27 with the 2022-23 school year, instruction in awareness of bone marrow
28 donation may be included in at least one health class necessary for
29 graduation.

30 (2)(a) Instruction in awareness of bone marrow donation under
31 this section must be an instructional program provided by the

1 national marrow donor program or other relevant nationally recognized
2 organization.

3 (b) The office of the superintendent of public instruction must
4 post on its website a link to the instructional program described in
5 this subsection (2).

6 (3) Each school district, charter school, and state-tribal
7 education compact school that serves students in any of grades
8 kindergarten through eight may offer instruction in awareness of bone
9 marrow donation to students. The instruction described in subsection
10 (2) of this section may be adapted to be age appropriate.

11 (4) School districts, charter schools, and state-tribal education
12 compact schools may offer the instruction in awareness of bone marrow
13 donation directly or arrange for the instruction to be provided by
14 available community-based providers. The instruction does not have to
15 be provided by certificated instructional staff."

16 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Requires, rather than allows, schools offering
instruction in awareness of bone marrow donation to use an
instructional program provided by the National Marrow Donor Program
or other relevant nationally recognized organization.

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