
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1617

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By House State Government & Tribal Relations (originally sponsored by Representatives Morgan, Leavitt, J. Johnson, Ramel, Callan, Davis, Taylor, Santos, Simmons, Riccelli, Ormsby, and Harris-Talley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to aligning state and school holidays; amending
2 RCW 28A.150.050; creating a new section; and providing an effective
3 date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** In 2021, the state enacted House Bill No.
6 1016 to declare Juneteenth a state legal holiday. The legislature
7 finds that there is ambiguity about whether Juneteenth is also a
8 school holiday as a result of that act. The legislature intends to
9 clarify that Juneteenth, like all other state legal holidays, is a
10 school holiday on which school may not be taught.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.150.050 and 2014 c 177 s 3 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 (1) (~~The following are~~) All of the state legal holidays set
14 forth in RCW 1.16.050(1) are also school holidays(~~(,)~~) and school may
15 not be taught on these days(~~(~~

16 ~~(a) Sunday;~~

17 ~~(b) The first day of January, commonly called New Year's Day;~~

18 ~~(c) The third Monday of January, celebrated as the anniversary of~~
19 ~~the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr.;~~

1 ~~(d) The third Monday in February, to be known as Presidents' Day~~
2 ~~and celebrated as the anniversary of the births of Abraham Lincoln~~
3 ~~and George Washington;~~

4 ~~(e) The last Monday in May, commonly known as Memorial Day;~~

5 ~~(f) The fourth day of July, the anniversary of the Declaration of~~
6 ~~Independence;~~

7 ~~(g) The first Monday in September, to be known as Labor Day;~~

8 ~~(h) The eleventh day of November, to be known as Veterans' Day;~~

9 ~~(i) The fourth Thursday in November, commonly known as~~
10 ~~Thanksgiving Day;~~

11 ~~(j) The Friday immediately following the fourth Thursday in~~
12 ~~November, to be known as Native American Heritage Day; and~~

13 ~~(k) The twenty-fifth day of December, commonly called Christmas~~
14 ~~Day)).~~

15 (2) No reduction from a teacher's time or salary may be made by
16 reason of the fact that a school day happens to be one of the days
17 referred to in this section as a day on which school is not taught.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect July 1, 2022.

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