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By Representatives Senn, Thai, Berry, J. Johnson, Slatter, Goodman, Orwall, Lekanoff, Davis, Macri, and Pollet

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1 AN ACT Relating to improving school districts' responses to
2 complaints of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying;
3 adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; and adding a new section
4 to chapter 28A.642 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
9 develop, and periodically update, model student handbook language
10 that includes information about policies and complaint procedures
11 related to discrimination, including sexual harassment, and
12 information about policies and complaint procedures related to
13 harassment, intimidation, and bullying, as well as the overlap
14 between the policies and complaint procedures. The model student
15 handbook language must be posted publicly on the office of the
16 superintendent of public instruction's website beginning August 1,
17 2022.

18 (2) Beginning with the 2022-23 school year, each school district
19 must include the model student handbook language developed under
20 subsection (1) of this section in any student, parent, employee, and
21 volunteer handbook that it or one of its schools publishes and on the

1 school district's website, and any school's website, if a school or
2 the school district maintains a website. If a school district neither
3 publishes a handbook nor maintains a website, it must provide the
4 model student handbook language developed under subsection (1) of
5 this section to each student, parent, employee, and volunteer at
6 least annually.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.642
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 Each school district shall designate one person in the school
10 district as the primary contact regarding school district compliance
11 with this chapter. In addition to any other duties required by law
12 and the school district, the primary contact must:

13 (1) Ensure that complaints of discrimination communicated to the
14 school district are promptly investigated and resolved; and

15 (2) Communicate with the primary contact regarding the school
16 district's policy and procedure prohibiting harassment, intimidation,
17 and bullying under RCW 28A.600.477, and the primary contact regarding
18 the school district's policies and procedures related to transgender
19 students under RCW 28A.642.080.

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