
HOUSE BILL 1976

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By Representatives Corry, Caldier, Stokesbary, and Young

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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting public schools from requiring
2 students to eat or drink outside school buildings; adding a new
3 section to chapter 28A.210 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.210
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 Public schools with students in any of grades kindergarten
8 through eight may not require students to eat or drink outside school
9 buildings. Students may opt in to eating or drinking outside when the
10 outdoor temperature is 60 degrees or above and there is no
11 precipitation. For the purpose of this section, "public schools" has
12 the same meaning as in RCW 28A.150.010.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
15 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
16 effect immediately.

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