

**2SHB 1479** - H AMD TO H AMD (H-1629.2/23) **380**

By Representative Steele

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1 On page 1, line 7 of the striking amendment, after "chemical  
2 restraint" strike ", mechanical restraint, and isolation" and insert  
3 "and mechanical restraint"

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5 On page 1, line 8 of the striking amendment, after "use of" insert  
6 "isolation and"

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8 On page 2, line 1 of the striking amendment, after "(c)" strike  
9 "Until August 1, 2025, the" and insert "The"

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11 On page 2, beginning on line 22 of the striking amendment, strike  
12 all of subsection (3)

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14 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any  
15 internal references accordingly.

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17 On page 10, line 18 of the striking amendment, strike all of  
18 subsection (iii)

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20 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any  
21 internal references accordingly.

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23 On page 11, after line 22 of the striking amendment, insert the  
24 following:

25 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.600  
26 RCW to read as follows:

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1 (1) **Purpose.** The purposes of this section are to: Protect  
2 students from physically harmful and emotionally traumatic practices  
3 of chemical restraint, mechanical restraint, and isolation; prohibit  
4 use of physical restraint imposed solely for purposes of student  
5 discipline or staff convenience; improve the safety and well-being  
6 of all staff and students by increasing the professional development  
7 and technical assistance provided to staff; and enhance the public  
8 accountability of school districts and other providers of public  
9 educational services.

10 (2) **Prohibited and limited isolation and restraint of students.**

11 (a) The staff of any school district or other provider of public  
12 educational services may not subject any student to prohibited  
13 isolation or restraint during the provision of educational services.

14 (b) The staff of any school district or other provider of public  
15 educational services may use physical restraint during the provision  
16 of educational services only when:

17 (i) A student's behavior poses an imminent likelihood of serious  
18 harm to the student or to others;

19 (ii) Less restrictive interventions would be ineffective in  
20 stopping the imminent likelihood of serious harm to the student or  
21 to others;

22 (iii) The least amount of force necessary is used to protect the  
23 student or another person from imminent likelihood of serious harm  
24 to the student or to others; and

25 (iv) The physical restraint of the student ends immediately upon  
26 the cessation of the imminent likelihood of serious harm to the  
27 student or to others.

28 (c) Neither a student nor the student's parent or legal guardian  
29 may consent, or be asked to consent, to the use of isolation or  
30 restraint that is prohibited under this subsection (2).

31 (d) Nothing in this subsection (2) prohibits a school resource  
32 officer as defined in RCW 28A.320.124 from carrying out the lawful  
33 duties of a commissioned law enforcement officer.

34 (3) **Isolation rooms.**

1 (a) School districts and other providers of public educational  
2 services are prohibited from having isolation rooms or other  
3 settings for the purpose of isolating a student.

4 (b) The provisions of this subsection (3) do not apply to a  
5 state-operated psychiatric hospital that serves students.

6 (4) **Notifications.** After each incident of isolation or  
7 restraint, whether prohibited or limited, the following  
8 notifications must be made:

9 (a) Immediately following the release of the student from  
10 isolation or restraint, the staff who used, or directed the use of,  
11 isolation or restraint shall notify the principal, other building  
12 administrator, or designee, of the provider of public educational  
13 services about the incident;

14 (b) The principal, other building administrator, or designee of  
15 the provider of public educational services shall:

16 (i) Notify the student's parent or legal guardian about the  
17 incident, within 24 hours of the incident; and

18 (ii) Send written documentation to the parent or legal guardian,  
19 within three business days of the incident; and

20 (c) With regard to use of prohibited isolation or restraint, the  
21 principal, other building administrator, or designee, of the  
22 provider of public educational services shall notify the following  
23 people or entities about the incident in accordance with the  
24 applicable deadlines:

25 (i) The school district superintendent or other chief  
26 administrator of the provider of public educational services, within  
27 one business day of the incident;

28 (ii) The office of the superintendent of public instruction,  
29 within three business days of the incident; and

30 (iii) If the school district or other provider of public  
31 educational services is a contractor, the contractee, within three  
32 business days of the incident.

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1 (5) **Incident reviews.** After every incident of isolation or  
2 restraint, whether prohibited or limited, the following incident  
3 reviews must be completed.

4 (a) As soon as practicable, but no later than one week following  
5 submission of the incident report as required under subsection (6)  
6 (a) of this section, the principal, other building administrator, or  
7 designee, of the provider of public educational services shall  
8 review the incident with the student and the student's parent or  
9 legal guardian to discuss relevant events that occurred before,  
10 during, and after the incident, and to inform the student's parent  
11 or legal guardian about behavioral intervention planning that must  
12 be completed under subsection (7) of this section.

13 (b) As soon as practicable following the release of a student  
14 from isolation or restraint, staff must provide the student with an  
15 opportunity to meet with a counselor, nurse, psychologist, or social  
16 worker to reflect, process, and recover.

17 (c) As soon as practicable following the release of a student  
18 from isolation or restraint, a team of staff, including the staff  
19 who used, or directed the use of, isolation or restraint, shall  
20 review the incident to, among other things:

21 (i) Provide the staff who used, or directed the use of,  
22 isolation or restraint with an opportunity to reflect, process, and  
23 recover;

24 (ii) Determine whether proper procedures were followed; and

25 (iii) Identify additional training, coaching, or assistance that  
26 may support staff who used, or directed the use of, isolation or  
27 restraint to use less restrictive interventions in similar  
28 situations in the future.

29 (6) **Incident reports.** The following reports related to incidents  
30 of isolation and restraint, whether prohibited or limited, and  
31 incidents of room clears must be prepared and submitted.

32 (a) Within two business days of the incident, staff who used, or  
33 directed the use of, isolation, restraint, or a room clear shall  
34 prepare and submit a written report of the incident to the school

1 district superintendent or other chief administrator of the provider  
2 of public educational services. At a minimum, the written report  
3 must include:

4 (i) The date, time, duration, and location of the incident;

5 (ii) Names and job titles of staff who used, or directed the use  
6 of, isolation, restraint, or a room clear and of staff who observed  
7 the incident;

8 (iii) The type of restraint or isolation used, if applicable;

9 (iv) A description of relevant events that occurred before,  
10 during, and after the incident, including any less restrictive  
11 interventions attempted;

12 (v) Information about any known physical injuries or  
13 psychological trauma experienced by the student or staff due to the  
14 incident, including whether medical care was sought or received, and  
15 whether staff requested or used leave benefits;

16 (vi) Recommended preventative actions for the staff or the  
17 provider of public educational services to take to prevent similar,  
18 future incidents; and

19 (vii) Other information as required by rule of the office of the  
20 superintendent of public instruction.

21 (b) The school district superintendent or other chief  
22 administrator of a provider of public educational services shall  
23 prepare a summary of the incident reports submitted under (a) of  
24 this subsection (6), at least annually and as required by the school  
25 district board of directors or other governing body of a provider of  
26 public educational services. The summary must be disaggregated for  
27 purposes of trend analyses, for example by the student categories  
28 and subcategories provided under RCW 28A.300.042 (1) and (3),  
29 student gender, students who are dependent pursuant to chapter 13.34  
30 RCW, students who are homeless as defined in RCW 43.330.702,  
31 students who are multilingual/English learners, status as a student  
32 with a parent who is a member of the armed forces, by school or  
33 other applicable unit, by staff job title, by contractor, and by  
34 incident type.

1 (c) The school district superintendent or other chief  
2 administrator of a provider of public educational services must  
3 submit incident report data and summaries prepared under (a) and (b)  
4 of this subsection (6), at the time and in the manner required by  
5 the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

6 (7) **Behavioral intervention plan.** After every incident of  
7 isolation or restraint, whether prohibited or limited, the following  
8 activities related to behavioral intervention planning must be  
9 completed.

10 (a) As soon as practicable following the release of a student  
11 from isolation or restraint, staff shall:

12 (i) Complete a functional behavioral assessment of the student,  
13 unless a functional behavioral assessment was previously completed  
14 for the behavior of concern; and

15 (ii) Develop a behavioral intervention plan for the student or,  
16 if a behavioral intervention plan has already been developed, review  
17 the behavioral intervention plan and modify it as necessary to  
18 address the student's behavior of concern.

19 (b) Nothing in this subsection (7) limits behavioral  
20 intervention planning for students with individualized education  
21 programs under Part B of the federal individuals with disabilities  
22 education act, Title 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.

23 (8) **Policies and procedures.**

24 (a) The school district board of directors or other governing  
25 body of a provider of public educational services shall adopt a  
26 student isolation and restraint policy and procedures that meets the  
27 requirements of this section. The procedures must include a process  
28 for convening a team of staff to review every incident of isolation  
29 or restraint using a systems improvement approach that focuses on  
30 supporting staff to use less restrictive interventions as  
31 alternatives to isolation and restraint.

32 (b) During the 2024-25 school year, and periodically thereafter,  
33 the school district board of directors or other governing body of a  
34 provider of public educational services shall review and revise, as

1 necessary, its student isolation and restraint policy and procedures  
2 with input from staff, students, students' families, advocacy  
3 organizations, and other appropriate members of the community.

4 **(9) Professional development plans.**

5 (a)(i) By January 30, 2024, the school district superintendent  
6 or other chief administrator of a provider of public educational  
7 services, or the school district board of directors or other  
8 governing body of a provider of public educational services, shall  
9 prepare and submit to the office of the superintendent of public  
10 instruction a staff professional development plan and timeline as  
11 required by this subsection (9).

12 (ii) By August 31, 2024, and by August 31st annually thereafter,  
13 an update on the implementation of its staff professional  
14 development plan must be submitted to the office of the  
15 superintendent of public instruction.

16 (b)(i) The plan must include professional development on the  
17 following topics:

18 (A) The policy and procedure adopted under subsection (8) of  
19 this section;

20 (B) Evidence-based, trauma-informed, student-centered, proactive  
21 crisis prevention and intervention practices that are less  
22 restrictive than isolation and restraint, such as de-escalation  
23 strategies;

24 (C) Evidence-based, trauma-informed, behavioral health supports  
25 for students and staff that include restorative practices; and

26 (D) Evidence-based, systemic approaches to eliminating the use  
27 of prohibited isolation and restraint, to reduce the use of physical  
28 restraint, and to eliminate disparities in use of prohibited and  
29 limited isolation and restraint, such as multitiered systems of  
30 support and universal design for learning.

31 (ii) The plan and any updates must describe the professional  
32 development that will be provided to staff during the following  
33 school year. Any professional development programs and resources  
34 provided to staff must be selected from the list developed by the

1 office of the superintendent of public instruction as required by  
2 section 3(4) of this act.

3 (iii) Example modes of professional development include:

4 Trainings provided by the office of the superintendent of public  
5 instruction, educational service districts, the school district or  
6 other provider of public educational services; pursuit of  
7 credentials through formal education programs; working with a mentor  
8 or coach; and involvement in professional learning communities.

9 Nothing in this subsection (9) requires all staff to be provided  
10 identical or equivalent professional development. Rather,  
11 professional development content, intensity, duration, and frequency  
12 must be appropriate to each staff type, staff experience, and staff  
13 assignment, and must be informed by the incident reviews completed  
14 under subsection (5) of this section.

15 (iv) To the extent the use of the funds is not specified in RCW  
16 28A.415.445 or the omnibus operating appropriations act, school  
17 districts and other providers of public educational services that  
18 receive funding for professional learning days under RCW 28A.150.415  
19 may use this funding to meet the requirements of this subsection (9).

20 (c) Professional development must be prioritized to staff in the  
21 following order:

22 (i) First to staff providing educational services to students  
23 with disabilities in prekindergarten through grade five;

24 (ii) Second to staff providing educational services to students  
25 with disabilities in grades six through 12; and

26 (iii) Third to all other staff.

27 (d) The plan must describe the mechanism used to determine  
28 whether an entity under contract to provide educational services to  
29 students is providing professional development to the contractor's  
30 staff as required by this subsection (9).

31 (10) **Duties of governing bodies.**

32 (a) Beginning in the 2023-24 school year, and every four years  
33 thereafter, each member of a school district board of directors or  
34 other governing body of a provider of public educational services



1 shall complete the training program on student isolation and  
2 restraint provided at no cost as required under section 3(6) of this  
3 act.

4 (b) On an annual basis, the school district board of directors  
5 or other governing body of a provider of public educational services  
6 shall monitor the impact of the policy and procedures adopted under  
7 subsection (8) of this section by, at a minimum: (i) Performing  
8 trend analyses using the summary of incident reports prepared by the  
9 school district superintendent or other chief administrator of the  
10 provider of public educational services under subsection (6) of this  
11 section; and (ii) reviewing the professional development plan and  
12 updates prepared under subsection (9) of this section.

13 (11) **Rules.** The office of the superintendent of public  
14 instruction shall adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW for the  
15 implementation of this section.

16 (12) **Definitions.** The definitions in this subsection apply  
17 throughout this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

18 (a) "Behavioral intervention plan" means the individualized plan  
19 developed for a student and implemented by staff for the purpose of  
20 changing, replacing, modifying, or eliminating a student's behavior  
21 or behaviors of concern.

22 (b) "Chemical restraint" means a drug or chemical administered  
23 by staff to a student to control the student's behavior or restrict  
24 the student's freedom of movement that is: (i) Not prescribed by a  
25 licensed health professional acting within the scope of the practice  
26 of that health profession for the standard treatment of a student's  
27 medical or psychiatric condition; (ii) not administered by a  
28 licensed health professional acting within the scope of the practice  
29 of that health profession; or (iii) not administered in accordance  
30 with the student's medical or psychiatric treatment plan.

31 (c) "Educational service" means instruction and other activities  
32 delivered or sponsored by a school district or other provider of  
33 public educational services, for example: General education  
34 services; special education services; medical services; safety and

1 security services; transportation services; and any developmental,  
2 corrective, or other supportive services necessary for a student  
3 eligible for special education services to benefit from special  
4 education services.

5 (d) "Functional behavioral assessment" means the process or  
6 evaluation used by staff to understand the cause or purpose of a  
7 student's specific behavior or behaviors of concern in a specific  
8 environment.

9 (e) "Imminent" means the state or condition of being likely to  
10 occur at any moment or near at hand, rather than distant or remote.

11 (f) "Isolation," also known as seclusion, means the involuntary  
12 isolation of a student, by staff, in an isolation room from which  
13 the student is not free to leave. "Isolation" does not include a  
14 time away, which is a student-selected behavior management technique  
15 that provides a student with an opportunity for self-calming, where  
16 the student is separated from others for a limited period, in a  
17 setting that is staff-monitored and from which the student may leave  
18 at any time.

19 (g) "Isolation room" means a room or other enclosed area,  
20 whether within or outside a classroom, used to isolate a student.

21 (h) "Likelihood of serious harm" means a substantial risk that:

22 (i) Harm will be inflicted by the student upon his or her own  
23 person, as evidenced by threats or attempts to commit suicide, or  
24 inflict harm on oneself; or

25 (ii) Harm will be inflicted by the student upon another, as  
26 evidenced by behavior that places another person or persons in  
27 reasonable fear of sustaining such harm.

28 (i) "Mechanical restraint" means staff use of a device to  
29 restrict a student's freedom of movement. "Mechanical restraint"  
30 does not include: (i) A device used by staff or a student: (A) As  
31 prescribed by a licensed health professional acting within the scope  
32 of the practice of that health profession; (B) as documented in a  
33 student's individualized education program under Part B of the  
34 federal individuals with disabilities education act, Title 20 U.S.C.

1 Sec. 1400 et seq. or a student's plan developed under section 504 of  
2 the rehabilitation act of 1973; or (C) for a specific therapeutic,  
3 orthopedic, or medical purpose, when used for its designed purpose;  
4 or (ii) the use of vehicle safety restraints when used as intended  
5 during the transport of a student in a moving vehicle.

6 (j) "Physical escort" means the temporary touching or holding of  
7 a student's hand, wrist, arm, shoulder, or back by staff, without  
8 the use of force, for the purpose of directing the student to a safe  
9 or otherwise appropriate location.

10 (k) "Physical prompt" means a teaching technique used by staff  
11 that involves voluntary physical contact with a student for the  
12 purpose of enabling the student to learn or model the physical  
13 movement necessary for the development of a desired competency.

14 (l) "Physical restraint" means physical contact by one or more  
15 staff that immobilizes or reduces the ability of a student to move  
16 the student's arms, legs, torso, or head freely. "Physical  
17 restraint" does not include chemical restraint, mechanical  
18 restraint, physical escort, or physical prompt.

19 (m) "Prohibited isolation or restraint" means staff use of one  
20 or more of the following interventions on a student:

21 (i) Chemical restraint;

22 (ii) Mechanical restraint;

23 (iii) Isolation;

24 (iv) Physical restraint or physical escort that is life-  
25 threatening, restricts breathing, or restricts blood flow to the  
26 brain, including prone, supine, and wall restraints;

27 (v) Isolation or physical restraint that is contraindicated  
28 based on the student's disability or health care needs or medical or  
29 psychiatric condition as documented in:

30 (A) A health care directive or medical management plan;

31 (B) A behavioral intervention plan;

32 (C) An individualized education program under Part B of the  
33 federal individuals with disabilities education act, Title 20 U.S.C.  
34 Sec. 1400 et seq.; or

1 (D) A plan developed under section 504 of the federal  
2 rehabilitation act of 1973;

3 (vi) Corporal punishment as prohibited by RCW 28A.150.300; and  
4 (vii) Noxious spray and other aversive intervention as  
5 prohibited in rule of the office of the superintendent of public  
6 instruction.

7 (n) "Provider of public educational services" means any entity  
8 that directly operates, or provides educational services under  
9 contract to, an elementary or secondary school program that receives  
10 public funds from the office of the superintendent of public  
11 instruction. "Provider of public educational services" includes a  
12 school district, public school as defined in RCW 28A.150.010, an  
13 educational service district, an institutional education provider as  
14 defined in RCW 28A.190.005, a public agency or private entity  
15 providing educational services under contract with any other  
16 provider of public educational services, and any providers of  
17 services in accordance with Part B of the federal individuals with  
18 disabilities education act, Title 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq. In  
19 addition, "provider of public educational services" includes the  
20 state school for the blind and the center for deaf and hard of  
21 hearing youth established under RCW 72.40.010.

22 (o) "Restraint" includes chemical restraint, mechanical  
23 restraint, and physical restraint.

24 (p) "Room clear" means the procedure used by staff in an  
25 emergency to direct all students, except for any students causing  
26 the emergency, to leave a room. Except as provided in rule of the  
27 office of the superintendent of public instruction, a room clear is  
28 not isolation.

29 (q) "Staff" means an employee or contractor of a school district  
30 or other provider of public educational services. "Staff" does not  
31 include licensed or certified health professionals of inpatient  
32 health care facilities.

33 (r) "Students" means children and youth served by a school  
34 district or other provider of public educational services."

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Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any internal references accordingly.

On page 12, beginning on line 19 of the striking amendment, after "(A)" strike all material through "staff" on line 21 and insert "Staff"

On page 12, line 23 of the striking amendment, after "five; and" strike "(C)" and insert "(B)"

On page 13, beginning on line 32 of the striking amendment, strike all of subsection (7)

Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any internal references accordingly.

On page 17, after line 36 of the striking amendment, insert the following:

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The effective date of section 2 of this act is the day after the date that the office of the superintendent of public instruction certifies that each school district and provider of public educational services has provided professional development as required under section 1 of this act to a substantial portion of staff. The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall provide written notice of the effective date of section 2 of this act to affected parties, the chief clerk of the house of representatives, the secretary of the senate, the office of the code reviser, and others as deemed appropriate by the department.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** The expiration date of section 1 of this act is the date that the office of the superintendent of public instruction certifies that each school district and provider of public educational services has provided professional development as required

1 under section 1 of this act to a substantial portion of staff. The  
2 office of the superintendent of public instruction shall provide  
3 written notice of the expiration date of section 1 of this act to  
4 affected parties, the chief clerk of the house of representatives, the  
5 secretary of the senate, the office of the code reviser, and others as  
6 deemed appropriate by the department."

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8 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any  
9 internal references accordingly.

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EFFECT: Makes the following changes to the striking amendment:  
(1) Permits isolation of students in locked isolation rooms, subject  
to limits established in the striking amendment, until the Office of  
the Superintendent of Public Instruction determines that school  
districts and providers of public educational services have provided  
professional development to a substantial portion of staff.  
(2) Removes provisions establishing time limited waivers to permit  
the isolation of students in grades six through 12 in a locked  
isolation room.

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