

SHB 2331 - H AMD **960**

By Representative Rude

NOT ADOPTED 02/10/2024

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1)(a) Except as provided otherwise by this section, a school
6 district board of directors may not refuse to approve, or prohibit
7 the use of, any textbook, instructional material, supplemental
8 instructional material, or other curriculum for student instruction
9 on the basis that it relates to or includes the study of the role
10 and contributions of any individual or group who is part of a
11 protected class under chapter 28A.640 or 28A.642 RCW.

12 (b) Subsection (1)(a) of this section does not apply if the
13 content of the material relating to the role and contributions of an
14 individual or group violates the provisions of chapter 28A.640 or
15 28A.642 RCW, including containing bias against any individual or
16 group who is part of a protected class under chapter 28A.640 or 28A.
17 642 RCW.

18 (2)(a) Beginning June 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, each
19 school district board of directors shall report to the office of the
20 superintendent of public instruction on actions taken by the school
21 district during the preceding school year to incorporate materials
22 on the study of the role and contributions of individuals or groups
23 that are part of a protected class under chapter 28A.640 or 28A.642
24 RCW into their instructional materials and supplemental
25 instructional materials.

26 (b) Beginning December 15, 2025, and annually thereafter, the
27 office of the superintendent of public instruction, in accordance

1 with RCW 43.01.036, shall provide a report to appropriate committees
2 of the legislature summarizing the reports provided by school
3 district boards of directors under (a) of this subsection.

4 (3) This section governs school operation and management under
5 RCW 28A.710.040 and 28A.715.020 and applies to charter schools
6 established under chapter 28A.710 RCW and state-tribal education
7 compact schools subject to chapter 28A.715 RCW to the same extent as
8 it applies to school districts."

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10 Correct the title.

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EFFECT: (1) Removes all provisions of the underlying bill.

(2) Bars school district boards of directors (school boards) from refusing to approve or prohibiting the use of an educational material on the basis that it relates to or includes the study of the role and contributions of individuals or groups that are part of a protected class as established in public school nondiscrimination provisions.

(3) Specifies that provisions barring certain inactions and prohibitions by school boards do not apply if the educational material content associated with the action or inaction violates nondiscrimination requirements for public schools, including if the materials contain bias against any individual or group who is part of a protected class.

(4) Requires each school board, beginning June 1, 2025, to annually report to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) on actions taken by the district during the preceding school year to incorporate materials on the study of the role and contributions of individuals or groups that are part of a protected class under public school nondiscrimination provisions into their instructional and supplemental instructional materials.

(5) Makes the educational materials requirements for school boards apply to charter schools and state-tribal education compact schools.

(6) Requires the OSPI, beginning December 15, 2025, to annually provide a report to the appropriate committees of the Legislature summarizing the annual school board reports.

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