

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5065

As of January 9, 2023

Title: An act relating to public school instruction in awareness of bone marrow donation.

Brief Description: Encouraging public school instruction in awareness of bone marrow donation.

Sponsors: Senators Short and Wellman.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Early Learning & K-12 Education: 1/11/23.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Encourages school districts, charter schools, and state-tribal compact schools that serve students in any of the grades 9 through 12 to offer instruction in awareness of bone marrow donation in at least one health class necessary for graduation, beginning in the 2023-24 school year.
- Allows this instruction to be offered in schools that serve students in grades K through 8, which may be adapted to be age-appropriate.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION

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Background: Bone Marrow Donation. The Washington State Department of Health has a bone marrow donor recruitment and education program to educate residents about:

- the need for bone marrow donors;
- the procedures required to become a registered donor;
- the procedures for donation; and
- the ability to obtain this information when applying or renewing a driver license or identicard.

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State law provides that a person's status as a minor may not disqualify them from bone marrow donation.

The National Marrow Donor Program manages a registry of unrelated bone marrow donors.

Health Graduation Requirement. The State Board of Education establishes graduation requirements. One half credit of health is required for graduation.

Summary of Bill: School districts, charter schools, and state-tribal compact schools that serve students in any of the grades 9 through 12 are encouraged to offer instruction in awareness of bone marrow donation to students. Beginning with the 2023-24 school year, instruction in awareness of bone marrow donation may be included in at least one health class necessary for graduation.

This instruction may be an instructional program provided by the National Marrow Donor Program or other relevant nationally recognized organizations. The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction must post a link on its website to this instructional program.

School districts, charter schools, and state-tribal compact schools that serve students in any of the grades K through 8 may offer this instruction and adapt it to be age-appropriate.

These schools may offer this instruction directly or arrange for the instruction to be provided by available community-based providers. The instruction does not have to be provided by certificated instructional staff.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 6, 2023.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.