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1      AN ACT Relating to fentanyl and other substance use prevention
2  education; and adding new sections to chapter 28A.170 RCW.

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

4      NEW SECTION.  **Sec. 1.**  A new section is added to chapter 28A.170
5  RCW to read as follows:
6      (1)(a) By September 1, 2024, the office of the superintendent of
7  public instruction, in collaboration with educational service
8  districts, the health care authority, the department of health, and
9  the department of children, youth, and families, shall review
10  frequently used substance use prevention education materials and
11  resources provided to students and their families in middle and high
12  school and identify changes or additional materials and resources.
13      (b) Changes and additions must include information about the
14  potential lethality and other risks associated with the use of
15  fentanyl and other opioids, and behavioral health resources.
16      (2) By December 1, 2024, the office of the superintendent of
17  public instruction shall: (a) Make updated substance use prevention
18  education materials and resources available on the agency's public
19  website for use by school districts, educational service districts,
20  and community-based organizations working with school-aged youth; and
21  (b) complete revisions to the health and physical education K-12

1  learning standards that include knowledge and understanding related
2  to fentanyl, opioid, and other life-threatening drug use.

3      (3) The office of the superintendent of public instruction and
4  partners in subsection (1)(a) of this section shall consult with
5  Indian tribes for input on materials and resources as they are being
6  developed to ensure effectiveness for use in state-tribal education
7  compact schools and for tribal children, youth, and their families.

8      (4) The office of the superintendent of public instruction, in
9  consultation with educational service districts, the health care
10  authority, the department of health, and the department of children,
11  youth, and families, shall review substance use prevention education
12  materials and resources at least once every other year to ensure they
13  contain the most current information and must be based on strategies
14  that have evidence of effectiveness to the greatest extent possible.

15      NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.**  A new section is added to chapter 28A.170
16  RCW to read as follows:

17      (1) All school districts that serve students in middle and high
18  school are strongly encouraged to work with their educational service
19  districts and substance abuse intervention specialists in RCW
20  28A.170.080 to provide fentanyl and other opioid prevention education
21  to students and invite students' families and guardians where
22  possible.

23      (2) Education to prevent fentanyl and other opioid use included
24  in health standards must be provided once a year to all students in
25  grade seven and grade nine, with information on behavioral health
26  resources as a component of required health programs and schools are
27  encouraged to provide additional programming at their discretion.

28      (3) When providing health education related to substance use,
29  school districts and educational service districts must consider
30  using the substance use prevention education materials and resources
31  developed in section 1(1) of this act.

32      (4) Fentanyl and other opioid prevention education delivered
33  through health classes or other discretionary programs must be
34  provided to as many seventh and ninth grade students as possible
35  during the remainder of the 2024-25 school year, and annually to
36  seventh and ninth grade students thereafter.

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