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**HOUSE BILL 1943**

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**By** Representatives Obras, Santos, Thai, Reed, Ramel, Parshley, Pollet, Nance, Macri, Doglio, and Timmons

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1 AN ACT Relating to public school instruction in awareness of  
2 blood donation; amending RCW 28A.210.430; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that increasing  
5 awareness of blood donation is crucial to addressing the growing need  
6 for a reliable and diverse blood supply. Just as bone marrow donation  
7 awareness has been shown to save lives, education about blood  
8 donation can empower students to become future donors, ensuring a  
9 safe and sustainable blood supply for patients in need.

10 By integrating blood donation awareness into existing  
11 instruction, students will gain knowledge about the life-saving  
12 impact of blood donation, eligibility requirements, and opportunities  
13 to participate in donation programs. The legislature intends for this  
14 instruction to complement existing health education requirements and  
15 increase opportunities for students to engage in civic and community  
16 health initiatives.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.210.430 and 2023 c 219 s 2 are each amended to  
18 read as follows:

19 (1) Each school district, charter school, and state-tribal  
20 education compact school that serves students in any of grades nine

1 through 12 is encouraged to offer instruction in awareness of bone  
2 marrow and blood donation to students as provided in this section.  
3 Beginning with the ((2023-24)) 2025-26 school year, instruction in  
4 awareness of bone marrow and blood donation may be included in at  
5 least one health class necessary for graduation.

6 (2) (a) Instruction in awareness of bone marrow and blood donation  
7 under this section must be an instructional program provided by the  
8 national marrow donor program, the American red cross, America's  
9 blood centers, Bloodworks Northwest, or other relevant nationally  
10 recognized ((~~organization~~)) organizations focused on either bone  
11 marrow or blood donation, or both.

12 (b) The office of the superintendent of public instruction must  
13 post on its website a link to the instructional programs described in  
14 this subsection (2).

15 (3) Each school district, charter school, and state-tribal  
16 education compact school that serves students in any of grades  
17 kindergarten through eight may offer instruction in awareness of bone  
18 marrow and blood donation to students. The instruction described in  
19 subsection (2) of this section may be adapted to be age appropriate.

20 (4) School districts, charter schools, and state-tribal education  
21 compact schools may offer the instruction in awareness of bone marrow  
22 and blood donation directly or arrange for the instruction to be  
23 provided by available community-based providers. The instruction does  
24 not have to be provided by certificated instructional staff.

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