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1 AN ACT Relating to school districts' authority to establish their
2 curriculum; amending RCW 28A.150.230; and repealing RCW 28A.300.475.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.150.230 and 2024 c 316 s 4 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) It is the intent and purpose of this section to guarantee
7 that each common school district board of directors, whether or not
8 acting through its respective administrative staff, be held
9 accountable for the proper operation of their district to the local
10 community and its electorate. In accordance with the provisions of
11 this title, as now or hereafter amended, each common school district
12 board of directors shall be vested with the final responsibility for
13 the setting of policies ensuring quality in the content and extent of
14 its educational program and that such program provide students with
15 the opportunity to achieve those skills which are generally
16 recognized as requisite to learning.

17 (2) In conformance with the provisions of this title, as now or
18 hereafter amended, it shall be the responsibility of each common
19 school district board of directors to adopt policies to:

20 (a) Establish performance criteria and an evaluation process for
21 its superintendent, classified staff, certificated personnel,

1 including administrative staff, and for all programs constituting a
2 part of such district's curriculum. Each district shall report
3 annually to the superintendent of public instruction the following
4 for each employee group listed in this subsection (2)(a): (i)
5 Evaluation criteria and rubrics; (ii) a description of each rating;
6 and (iii) the number of staff in each rating;

7 (b) Determine the final assignment of staff, certificated or
8 classified, according to board enumerated classroom and program needs
9 and data, based upon a plan to ensure that the assignment policy: (i)
10 Supports the learning needs of all the students in the district; and
11 (ii) gives specific attention to high-need schools and classrooms;

12 (c) Provide information to the local community and its electorate
13 describing the school district's policies concerning hiring,
14 assigning, terminating, and evaluating staff, including the criteria
15 for evaluating teachers and principals;

16 (d) Determine the amount of instructional hours necessary for any
17 student to acquire a quality education in such district, in not less
18 than an amount otherwise required in RCW 28A.150.220, or rules of the
19 state board of education;

20 (e) Determine the allocation of staff time, whether certificated
21 or classified;

22 (f) Establish final curriculum standards (~~(consistent with law~~
23 ~~and rules of the superintendent of public instruction,~~) relevant to
24 the particular needs of district students or the unusual
25 characteristics of the district, and ensuring a quality education for
26 each student in the district; and

27 (g) Evaluate teaching materials, including text books, teaching
28 aids, handouts, or other printed material, upon complaint by parents,
29 guardians(~~(+)~~), or custodians of students who consider
30 dissemination of such material to students objectionable in
31 accordance with RCW 28A.320.235 and 28A.320.230.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.300.475 (Comprehensive sexual
33 health education) and 2020 c 188 s 1 (Referendum Measure No. 90,
34 approved November 3, 2020) & 2007 c 265 s 2 are each repealed.

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