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By Representative Klippert

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1 AN ACT Relating to school safety; amending RCW 28A.600.230; and
2 creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The purpose of this act is to promote a safe
5 learning environment and to protect the safety and welfare of all
6 students and school personnel as well as maintain order and discipline
7 in the schools.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.600.230 and 1999 c 167 s 3 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (1) A school resource officer, school principal, vice principal, or
11 principal's designee may search a student, the student's possessions
12 and personal effects, ((and)) the student's locker and desk, and the
13 student's motor vehicle, in school facilities or on school grounds, or
14 at any school-sponsored or school-associated activity, if the school
15 resource officer, principal, vice principal, or principal's designee
16 has reasonable grounds to suspect that the search will yield evidence
17 of the student's violation of the law or school rules. A search is

1 mandatory if there are reasonable grounds to suspect a student has
2 illegally possessed a firearm in violation of RCW 9.41.280.

3 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the scope
4 of the search is proper if the search is conducted as follows:

5 (a) The methods used are reasonably related to the objectives of
6 the search; and

7 (b) Is not excessively intrusive in light of the age and sex of the
8 student and the nature of the suspected infraction.

9 (3) A school resource officer, principal, or vice principal, or
10 anyone acting under (~~their~~) the principal's or vice principal's
11 direction, may not subject a student to a strip search or body cavity
12 search as those terms are defined in RCW 10.79.070.

13 (4) Authorized school resource officers may confiscate any
14 contraband discovered in a search under this section.

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