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By Representatives Lias, Morrell, and Ryu

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1            AN ACT Relating to training school employees in the prevention of  
2 sexual abuse; amending RCW 28A.300.145 and 28A.400.317; adding a new  
3 section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that when teachers and  
6 school staff are trained in identifying and preventing child sexual  
7 abuse, commercial sexual abuse of minors, and sexual exploitation of  
8 minors, students benefit.

9            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300  
10 RCW to read as follows:

11            (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall,  
12 to the extent funding is available, develop and implement a training  
13 program for all school employees regarding prevention of sexual abuse;  
14 commercial sexual abuse of a minor, as defined in RCW 9.68A.100; and  
15 sexual exploitation of a minor, as defined in RCW 9.68A.040.

16            (2) The training shall not be based solely on providing materials,  
17 but also must include techniques on imparting these skills to students.

1 (3) The training program shall be developed in coordination with  
2 school districts, the center for children and youth justice, youthcare,  
3 the committee for children, the Washington state school directors'  
4 association, the department of early learning, the department of social  
5 and health services, and other interested parties.

6 (4) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
7 develop the training program by June 1, 2014, and implement the  
8 training program by June 1, 2015.

9 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.300.145 and 2006 c 135 s 2 are each amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 The Washington coalition of sexual assault programs, in  
12 consultation with the Washington association of sheriffs and police  
13 chiefs, the Washington association of prosecuting attorneys, the  
14 Washington state school directors' association, the center for children  
15 and youth justice, youthcare, the committee for children, the  
16 department of early learning, the department of social and health  
17 services, other relevant organizations, and the office of the  
18 superintendent of public instruction, shall ~~((develop))~~ by June 1,  
19 2014, update existing educational materials ~~((to be))~~ made available  
20 throughout the state to inform parents and other interested community  
21 members about:

22 (1) The laws related to sex offenses, including registration,  
23 community notification~~((+,+))~~, and the classification of sex offenders  
24 based on an assessment of the risk of reoffending;

25 (2) How to recognize behaviors characteristic of sex offenses and  
26 sex offenders;

27 (3) How to prevent victimization, particularly that of young  
28 children;

29 (4) How to take advantage of community resources for victims of  
30 sexual assault; ~~((and))~~

31 How to prevent children from being recruited into sex  
32 trafficking; and

33 (6) Other information as deemed appropriate.

34 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.400.317 and 2004 c 135 s 1 are each amended to  
35 read as follows:

36 (1) A certificated or classified school employee who has knowledge

1 or reasonable cause to believe that a student has been a victim of  
2 physical abuse or sexual misconduct by another school employee, shall  
3 report such abuse or misconduct to the appropriate school  
4 administrator. The school administrator shall cause a report to be  
5 made to the proper law enforcement agency if he or she has reasonable  
6 cause to believe that the misconduct or abuse has occurred as required  
7 under RCW 26.44.030. During the process of making a reasonable cause  
8 determination, the school administrator shall contact all parties  
9 involved in the complaint.

10 (2) Certificated and classified school employees shall receive  
11 training regarding their reporting obligations under state law in their  
12 orientation training when hired and then every three years thereafter.  
13 The training required under this subsection (~~(shall take place)~~) may be  
14 incorporated within existing training programs and related resources.

15 (3) Nothing in this section changes any of the duties established  
16 under RCW 26.44.030.

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