
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5100

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By Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, McAuliffe, Regala, Fairley, Shin, Weinstein, Murray, Keiser, Prentice, Kline, Spanel, Fraser, Tom, Kohl-Welles and Rasmussen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to information for students regarding health
2 insurance; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.210 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.210
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) Beginning with the 2007-08 school year, as part of a public
7 school's enrollment process, the school shall annually inquire whether
8 a student has health insurance. If a student's parent or guardian
9 indicates that a student does not have health insurance coverage or
10 does not indicate whether the student has or does not have health
11 insurance, the school district or a designated community health care
12 collaborative under written contract with the school district shall
13 provide the parent or guardian with information about the existence of
14 the medicaid and children's health insurance program and how to get
15 additional information about the programs. The information shall be
16 provided in writing via postal mail, electronic mail, or existing
17 communication channels, by December 1, 2007.

18 (2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
19 work with the department of social and health services and established

1 community health care collaboratives that have proven outreach and
2 enrollment services to schools in developing a one-page informational
3 sheet that contains the information schools are required to provide to
4 parents under subsection (1) of this section and make that
5 informational sheet available to schools on the superintendent of
6 public instruction's web site by August 2007.

7 (3) Beginning December 1, 2008, schools shall report annually to
8 the superintendent of public instruction the number of students that
9 reported not having health insurance under subsection (1) of this
10 section.

11 (4) As used in this section, "community health care collaborative"
12 means a nonprofit organization or a local government entity that
13 sponsors a community-based public-private collaborative with the stated
14 purpose of improving health care access for a defined geographic area
15 and target population, with an emphasis on active outreach to the
16 uninsured and low-income persons. The collaborative must demonstrate
17 formal governance accountability to a broad base of health care safety-
18 net providers, school districts, hospitals, and public health and other
19 community-based organizations.

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