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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; adding a new section to chapter 28A.210 RCW; and creating a
3 new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.210
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) By July 1, 2008, the superintendent of public instruction shall
8 solicit and select up to six school districts to implement, on a pilot
9 project basis, this section. The selected school districts shall
10 include districts from urban and rural areas, and eastern and western
11 Washington.

12 (2) Beginning with the 2008-09 school year, as part of a public
13 school's enrollment process, each school participating as a pilot
14 project shall annually inquire whether a student has health insurance.
15 The school shall include in the inquiry a statement explaining that an
16 outreach worker may contact families with uninsured students about
17 options for health care coverage. The inquiry shall make provision for
18 the parent or guardian to authorize the sharing of information for this

1 purpose, consistent with state and federal confidentiality
2 requirements.

3 (3) The school shall record each student's health insurance status
4 in the district's student information system.

5 (4) By December 1, 2008, from the district's student information
6 system, the pilot school shall develop a list of students without
7 insurance for whom parent authorization to share information was
8 granted. To the extent such information is available, the list shall
9 include:

10 (a) Identifiers, including each student's full name and date of
11 birth; and

12 (b) Parent or guardian contact information, including telephone
13 number, e-mail address, and street address.

14 (5) By September 1, 2008, the department and superintendent shall
15 develop and make available a model agreement to enable schools to share
16 student information in compliance with state and federal
17 confidentiality requirements.

18 (6) By January 1, 2009, each participating pilot school and a local
19 outreach organization, where available, shall work to put in place an
20 agreement to share student information in accordance with state and
21 federal confidentiality requirements. Once an agreement is in place,
22 the school shall share the list described in subsection (4) of this
23 section with the outreach organization.

24 (7) The outreach organization shall use the information on the list
25 to contact families and assist them to enroll students on a medical
26 program, in accordance with chapter 74.09 RCW.

27 (8) Beginning July 1, 2009, pilot schools shall annually report to
28 the superintendent of public instruction:

29 (a) The number of students identified without health insurance
30 under subsection (2) of this section; and

31 (b) Whether an agreement as described under subsection (6) of this
32 section is in place.

33 (9) Beginning December 1, 2009, the department and the
34 superintendent shall annually submit a joint report to the legislature
35 that provides:

36 (a) Summary information on the number of students identified
37 without insurance;

1 (b) The number of schools with agreements with outreach
2 organizations and the number without such agreements;

3 (c) The impact of such outreach efforts they can quantify; and

4 (d) Any recommendations for changes that would improve the
5 efficiency or effectiveness of outreach efforts described in this
6 section.

7 (10) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
8 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

9 (a) "Department" means the department of social and health
10 services.

11 (b) "Superintendent" means the superintendent of public
12 instruction.

13 (c) "Outreach organization" means a nonprofit organization or a
14 local government entity either contracting with the department pursuant
15 to chapter 74.09 RCW, or otherwise qualified to provide outreach,
16 education, and enrollment services to uninsured children.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
18 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
19 June 30, 2008, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
20 void.

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