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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5479**

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**By** Senate Committee on Health & Human Services (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Deccio, Talmadge, Moyer, Franklin, M. Rasmussen and Oke)

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1 AN ACT Relating to Washington state children's day; reenacting and  
2 amending RCW 1.16.050; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Washington's  
5 children are one of our most valuable assets, representing hope for the  
6 future. Children today are at risk for many things, including drug and  
7 alcohol abuse, child abuse, suicide, peer pressure, and the economic  
8 and educational challenges of a changing world. It is increasingly  
9 important for families, schools, health professionals, caregivers, and  
10 workers at state agencies charged with the protection and help of  
11 children to listen to them, to support and encourage them, and to help  
12 them build their dreams for the future.

13 To increase recognition of children's issues, a national children's  
14 day is celebrated in October, with ceremonies and activities devoted to  
15 children. Washington state focuses special attention on its children  
16 by establishing a Washington state children's day.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 1.16.050 and 1991 sp.s. c 20 s 1 and 1991 c 57 s 2 are  
18 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

1       The following are legal holidays:   Sunday; the first day of  
2 January, commonly called New Year's Day; the third Monday of January,  
3 being celebrated as the anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther King,  
4 Jr.; the third Monday of February to be known as Presidents' Day and to  
5 be celebrated as the anniversary of the births of Abraham Lincoln and  
6 George Washington; the last Monday of May, commonly known as Memorial  
7 Day; the fourth day of July, being the anniversary of the Declaration  
8 of Independence; the first Monday in September, to be known as Labor  
9 Day; the eleventh day of November, to be known as Veterans' Day; the  
10 fourth Thursday in November, to be known as Thanksgiving Day; the day  
11 immediately following Thanksgiving Day; and the twenty-fifth day of  
12 December, commonly called Christmas Day.

13       Employees of the state and its political subdivisions, except  
14 employees of school districts and except those nonclassified employees  
15 of institutions of higher education who hold appointments or are  
16 employed under contracts to perform services for periods of less than  
17 twelve consecutive months, shall be entitled to one paid holiday per  
18 calendar year in addition to those specified in this section. Each  
19 employee of the state or its political subdivisions may select the day  
20 on which the employee desires to take the additional holiday provided  
21 for herein after consultation with the employer pursuant to guidelines  
22 to be promulgated by rule of the appropriate personnel authority, or in  
23 the case of local government by ordinance or resolution of the  
24 legislative authority.

25       If any of the above specified state legal holidays are also federal  
26 legal holidays but observed on different dates, only the state legal  
27 holidays shall be recognized as a paid legal holiday for employees of  
28 the state and its political subdivisions except that for port districts  
29 and the law enforcement and public transit employees of municipal  
30 corporations, either the federal or the state legal holiday, but in no  
31 case both, may be recognized as a paid legal holiday for employees.

32       Whenever any legal holiday, other than Sunday, falls upon a Sunday,  
33 the following Monday shall be the legal holiday.

34       Whenever any legal holiday falls upon a Saturday, the preceding  
35 Friday shall be the legal holiday.

36       Nothing in this section shall be construed to have the effect of  
37 adding or deleting the number of paid holidays provided for in an  
38 agreement between employees and employers of political subdivisions of

1 the state or as established by ordinance or resolution of the local  
2 government legislative authority.

3 The legislature declares that the twelfth day of October shall be  
4 recognized as Columbus Day but shall not be considered a legal holiday  
5 for any purposes.

6 The legislature declares that the ninth day of April shall be  
7 recognized as former prisoner of war recognition day but shall not be  
8 considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

9 The legislature declares that the twenty-sixth day of January shall  
10 be recognized as Washington army and air national guard day but shall  
11 not be considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

12 The legislature declares that the seventh day of August shall be  
13 recognized as purple heart recipient recognition day but shall not be  
14 considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

15 The legislature declares that the second Sunday in October be  
16 recognized as Washington state children's day but shall not be  
17 considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

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