

ESSB 5693 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-2871.1/22) 1178

By Representative Mosbrucker

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1 On page 523, line 9, increase the general fund--state
2 appropriation for fiscal year 2023 by \$80,000

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4 On page 523, line 28, correct the total.

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6 On page 541, after line 29, insert the following:

7 "(ee)(i) \$80,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for
8 fiscal year 2023 is provided solely for the office to assist sexual
9 assault survivors in Washington public schools. Funding provided in
10 this subsection must be used by the office to:

11 (A) research best practices for a victim-centered, trauma-informed
12 approach to responding to sexual assault and supporting survivors in
13 schools;

14 (B) conduct listening sessions across the state for the purpose of
15 assessing challenges with responding to sexual assault and supporting
16 survivors in schools;

17 (C) update model protocols for responding to sexual assault and
18 supporting survivors in schools;

19 (D) develop a plan for deploying victim-centered, trauma-informed
20 training for school administrators and counselors, based on best
21 practices for responding to sexual assault and supporting survivors in
22 schools and informed by the requirements of Title IX of the education
23 amendments of 1972; and

24 (E) review current legal requirements mandating that educators and
25 staff report suspected sexual assault and assess whether changes to
26 those requirements should be made to align them with best practices
27 for responding to sexual assault and supporting survivors in schools.

1 (ii) The office must consult with the department of children,
2 youth, and families, law enforcement professionals, national and state
3 organizations supporting the interests of sexual assault survivors,
4 victims' advocates, educators, school administrators, school
5 counselors, and sexual assault survivors.
6 (iii) The office must submit to the governor and the appropriate
7 committees of the legislature a preliminary report by December 1,
8 2022. It is the intent of the legislature to provide funding for the
9 office to submit a final report, including a summary of its findings
10 and recommendations, by October 1, 2023."
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EFFECT: Provides funding for the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to research best practices for responding to sexual assault survivors in schools, conduct listening sessions across the state, update model protocols, develop a plan for training for school administrators and counselors, and review current legal reporting requirements concerning suspected sexual assault. Requires the OSPI submit a preliminary report to the Governor and the Legislature by December 1, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increases General Fund - State by \$80,000.

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