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SENATE BILL 6247

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By Senators Newhouse, Vognild, Pelz and McAuliffe

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1            AN ACT Relating to school construction standards for fire  
2 protection and safety; and amending RCW 19.27.113.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.27.113 and 1991 c 170 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            The building code council shall adopt rules by December 1, 1991,  
7 requiring that all buildings classed as E-1 occupancies, as defined in  
8 the state building code, except portable school classrooms, constructed  
9 after July 28, 1991, be provided with an automatic fire-extinguishing  
10 system. Rules adopted by the council shall consider applicable  
11 nationally recognized fire and building code standards and local  
12 conditions.

13            By December 15, 1991, the council shall transmit to the  
14 superintendent of public instruction, the state board of education, and  
15 the fire protection policy board copies of the rules as adopted. The  
16 superintendent of public instruction, the state board of education, and  
17 the fire protection policy board shall respond to the council by  
18 February 15, 1992, with any recommended changes to the rule. If  
19 changes are recommended the council shall immediately consider those

1 changes to the rules through its rule-making procedures. The rules  
2 shall be effective on July 1, 1992.

3 The building code council shall adopt rules exempting school  
4 buildings constructed after July 28, 1991, from the requirements of  
5 this section if the school building meets all of the following  
6 conditions: The building is smaller than twenty thousand square feet;  
7 the building is on one floor and each room used for instruction has an  
8 exterior exit; there is no reasonable access to a municipal water  
9 system; and the school district maintains a fire insurance policy for  
10 the building.

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