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1 AN ACT Relating to providing parents with information on existing
2 law as it pertains to the rights and responsibilities of parents in
3 education; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; adding a new
4 section to chapter 28A.320 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that parents have a
7 compelling interest in protecting the well-being of their children, and
8 in directing their children's upbringing and education. The
9 legislature also finds that many parents are not aware of the complex
10 laws that surround education, and it is in the best interest of the
11 state and school districts that parents be informed of their rights and
12 responsibilities.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 The superintendent of public instruction shall annually prepare,
16 publish, and distribute a handbook for parents that includes the text
17 and an explanation of all state statutes and rules pertaining to the
18 rights and responsibilities of parents in the education of their

1 children in the public school system. The handbook shall include, but
2 not be limited to, text and explanations of laws regarding compulsory
3 attendance, inspection of instructional materials, classroom
4 visitation, the process for withdrawing children from classes, and
5 other related topics. The explanations shall be written in a style
6 that will be understandable to parents. Copies of the handbook shall
7 be distributed to school districts annually by August 1st.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 Each school district shall distribute annually to all parents at
11 the beginning of the school year the parent's rights and
12 responsibilities handbook under section 2 of this act and an
13 explanation and text of all school district policies pertaining to the
14 rights and responsibilities of parents in the education of their
15 children in the school district.

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