
SENATE BILL 6011

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By Senator McAuliffe

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1 AN ACT Relating to the purchase of liability insurance by school
2 districts; and amending RCW 28A.400.350.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.400.350 and 1993 c 492 s 226 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The board of directors of any of the state's school districts
7 may make available liability, life, health, health care, accident,
8 disability and salary protection or insurance or any one of, or a
9 combination of the enumerated types of insurance, or any other type of
10 insurance or protection, for the members of the boards of directors,
11 the students, and employees of the school district, and their
12 dependents. Such coverage may be provided by contracts with private
13 carriers, with the state health care authority after July 1, 1990,
14 pursuant to the approval of the authority administrator, or through
15 self-insurance or self-funding pursuant to chapter 48.62 RCW, or in any
16 other manner authorized by law. Except for health benefits purchased
17 with nonstate funds as provided in RCW 28A.400.200, effective on and
18 after October 1, 1995, health care coverage, life insurance,
19 (~~liability insurance,~~) accidental death and dismemberment insurance,

1 and disability income insurance shall be provided only by contracts
2 with the state health care authority.

3 (2) Whenever funds are available for these purposes the board of
4 directors of the school district may contribute all or a part of the
5 cost of such protection or insurance for the employees of their
6 respective school districts and their dependents. The premiums on such
7 liability insurance shall be borne by the school district.

8 After October 1, 1990, school districts may not contribute to any
9 employee protection or insurance other than liability insurance unless
10 the district's employee benefit plan conforms to RCW 28A.400.275 and
11 28A.400.280.

12 (3) For school board members and students, the premiums due on such
13 protection or insurance shall be borne by the assenting school board
14 member or student. The school district may contribute all or part of
15 the costs, including the premiums, of life, health, health care,
16 accident or disability insurance which shall be offered to all students
17 participating in interschool activities on the behalf of or as
18 representative of their school or school district. The school district
19 board of directors may require any student participating in
20 extracurricular interschool activities to, as a condition of
21 participation, document evidence of insurance or purchase insurance
22 that will provide adequate coverage, as determined by the school
23 district board of directors, for medical expenses incurred as a result
24 of injury sustained while participating in the extracurricular
25 activity. In establishing such a requirement, the district shall adopt
26 regulations for waiving or reducing the premiums of such coverage as
27 may be offered through the school district to students participating in
28 extracurricular activities, for those students whose families, by
29 reason of their low income, would have difficulty paying the entire
30 amount of such insurance premiums. The district board shall adopt
31 regulations for waiving or reducing the insurance coverage requirements
32 for low-income students in order to assure such students are not
33 prohibited from participating in extracurricular interschool
34 activities.

35 (4) All contracts for insurance or protection written to take
36 advantage of the provisions of this section shall provide that the
37 beneficiaries of such contracts may utilize on an equal participation

1 basis the services of those practitioners licensed pursuant to chapters
2 18.22, 18.25, 18.53, 18.57, and 18.71 RCW.

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