
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1085

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By House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Mulliken, Johnson, Koster, Backlund, Sump, Talcott, Crouse, Thompson, Mielke, Bush, Sherstad, Carrell, Smith and Van Luven)

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1 AN ACT Relating to notification of student testing or survey; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 28A.600 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.600
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) All instructional materials, including teacher's manuals,
7 films, tapes, or other supplementary material which will be used in
8 connection with any test, questionnaire, survey, analysis, or
9 evaluation in a school, shall be available for inspection by the
10 parents or legal guardians of the students.

11 (2) Absent prior consent of a student who is an adult or an
12 emancipated minor, or absent prior written consent of a parent or legal
13 guardian of a student who is an unemancipated minor, a student may not
14 be required to submit to a test, questionnaire, survey, analysis, or
15 evaluation that reveals information concerning the student's or the
16 student's parents':

17 (a) Personal beliefs or practices regarding political affiliations;

18 (b) Mental or psychological problems potentially embarrassing to
19 the student or to the student's family;

1 (c) Sexual behavior and attitudes;

2 (d) Illegal, antisocial, self-incriminating, and demeaning
3 behavior;

4 (e) Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom the students
5 have a close family relationship;

6 (f) Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such
7 as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;

8 (g) Income level, except as required by law to determine
9 eligibility for participation in a program or to receive financial
10 assistance under the program.

11 (3) Educational agencies shall give parents and students effective
12 notice of their rights under this section prior to administering a
13 test, questionnaire, survey, analysis, or evaluation that meets the
14 criteria of subsection (2) of this section.

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