
SENATE BILL 5987

State of Washington

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By Senators McAuliffe, Kohl and Jacobsen

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1 AN ACT Relating to the benefits of sports and athletics to the
2 health and well-being of young girls; creating a new section; and
3 making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The office of the superintendent of public
6 instruction shall sponsor a conference for health professionals,
7 teachers, parents, administrators, persons involved in community sports
8 programs, and other interested parties on the impact of sports and
9 athletics on the health and well-being of girls. The conference shall
10 be held during the 1998 calendar year. The purposes of the conference
11 include, but are not limited to:

12 (1) A better understanding of the health and well-being benefits of
13 sports and athletics to girls of elementary school age;

14 (2) Identifying barriers to participation by elementary school-age
15 girls in organized athletic programs;

16 (3) Identifying measures to increase participation by elementary
17 school-age girls in organized athletic programs; and

18 (4) Improving communication and cooperation among interested
19 members of the education community and the public on issues relating to

1 the health and well-being benefits of sports and athletics to girls of
2 elementary school age.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of twenty-four thousand nine hundred
4 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
5 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, from the general fund to the
6 office of the superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of
7 this act.

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