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1 AN ACT Relating to harassment, intimidation, and bullying
2 prevention; adding a new section to chapter 43.06B RCW; and creating a
3 new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.06B RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The office of the education ombudsman and the office of the
8 superintendent of public instruction shall convene an ongoing work
9 group on school bullying and harassment prevention to develop,
10 recommend, and implement strategies to improve school climate and
11 create respectful learning environments in all public schools in
12 Washington.

13 (2) The work group shall:

14 (a) Consider whether additional disaggregated data should be
15 collected regarding incidents of bullying and harassment or
16 disciplinary actions and make recommendations to the office of the
17 superintendent of public instruction for collection of such data;

18 (b) Examine possible procedures for anonymous reporting of
19 incidents of bullying and harassment;

1 (c) Identify curriculum and best practices for school districts to
2 improve school climate and create respectful learning environments;

3 (d) Recommend best practices for informing parents about the
4 harassment, intimidation, and bullying prevention policy and procedure
5 under RCW 28A.300.285 and involving parents in improving school
6 climate;

7 (e) Recommend training for district personnel who are designated as
8 the primary contact regarding the policy and procedure and for school
9 resource officers and other school security personnel;

10 (f) Recommend preservice training in harassment, intimidation, and
11 bullying prevention for teachers, educational staff associates, and
12 school administrators;

13 (g) Examine and recommend policies for discipline of students and
14 staff who harass, intimidate, or bully; and

15 (h) In collaboration with the state board for community and
16 technical colleges, examine and recommend policies to protect K-12
17 students attending community and technical colleges from harassment,
18 intimidation, and bullying.

19 (3) The work group must include:

20 (a) Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the
21 speaker of the house of representatives;

22 (b) Two members of the senate appointed by the president of the
23 senate; and

24 (c) Representatives from the state board of education, the
25 Washington state parent teacher association, school directors, school
26 administrators, principals, teachers, classified school staff, youth,
27 community organizations, and parents.

28 (4) The work group shall submit a biennial progress and status
29 report to the governor and the education committees of the legislature,
30 beginning December 1, 2011.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The state board for community and
32 technical colleges shall compile and analyze policies and procedures
33 adopted by community and technical colleges regarding harassment,
34 intimidation, and bullying prevention.

35 (2) The higher education coordinating board shall compile and
36 analyze policies and procedures adopted by four-year institutions of

1 higher education regarding harassment, intimidation, and bullying
2 prevention.

3 (3) Each board under this section shall submit a report with
4 recommendations for improvements in the policies and procedures to the
5 education and higher education committees of the legislature by
6 December 1, 2011.

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