

E2SHB 2439 - S AMD TO S AMD (S-5083.1/16) **722**

By Senators Litzow, McAuliffe

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1 On page 6, beginning on line 2 of the amendment, strike all of
2 section 5 and insert the following:

3 "Sec. 5. RCW 28A.310.500 and 2013 c 197 s 6 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) Each educational service district shall develop and maintain
6 the capacity to offer training for educators and other school
7 district staff on youth suicide screening and referral, and on
8 recognition, initial screening, and response to emotional or
9 behavioral distress in students, including but not limited to
10 indicators of possible substance abuse, violence, and youth suicide.
11 An educational service district may demonstrate capacity by employing
12 staff with sufficient expertise to offer the training or by
13 contracting with individuals or organizations to offer the training.
14 Training may be offered on a fee-for-service basis, or at no cost to
15 school districts or educators if funds are appropriated specifically
16 for this purpose or made available through grants or other sources.

17 (2)(a) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for
18 this specific purpose, Forefront at the University of Washington
19 shall convene a one-day in-person training of student support staff
20 from the educational service districts to deepen the staff's capacity
21 to assist schools in their districts in responding to concerns about
22 suicide. Educational service districts shall send staff members to
23 the one-day in-person training within existing resources.

24 (b) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
25 specific purpose, after establishing these relationships with the
26 educational service districts, Forefront at the University of
27 Washington must continue to meet with the educational service
28 districts via videoconference on a monthly basis to answer questions
29 that arise for the educational service districts, and to assess the
30 feasibility of collaborating with the educational service districts
31 to develop a multiyear, statewide rollout of a comprehensive school
32 suicide prevention model involving regional trainings, on-site

1 coaching, and cohorts of participating schools in each educational
2 service district.

3 (c) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
4 specific purpose, Forefront at the University of Washington must work
5 to develop public-private partnerships to support the rollout of a
6 comprehensive school suicide prevention model across Washington's
7 middle and high schools.

8 (d) The comprehensive school suicide prevention model must
9 consist of:

10 (i) School-specific revisions to safe school plans required under
11 RCW 28A.320.125, to include procedures for suicide prevention,
12 intervention, assessment, referral, reentry, and intervention and
13 recovery after a suicide attempt or death;

14 (ii) Developing, within the school, capacity to train staff,
15 teachers, parents, and students in how to recognize and support a
16 student who may be struggling with behavioral health issues;

17 (iii) Improved identification such as screening, and response
18 systems such as family counseling, to support students who are at
19 risk;

20 (iv) Enhanced community-based linkages of support; and

21 (v) School selection of appropriate curricula and programs to
22 enhance student awareness of behavioral health issues to reduce
23 stigma, and to promote resilience and coping skills.

24 (e) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
25 specific purpose, and by December 15, 2017, Forefront at the
26 University of Washington shall report to the appropriate committees
27 of the legislature, in accordance with RCW 43.01.036, with the
28 outcomes of the educational service district trainings, any public-
29 private partnership developments, and recommendations on ways to work
30 with the educational service districts or others to implement suicide
31 prevention.

32 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. If specific funding for the purposes of
33 this act, with the exception of section 5 of this act, referencing
34 this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by June 30, 2016,
35 in the omnibus appropriations act, this act, except for section 5 of
36 this act, is null and void."

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1 On page 6, line 7 of the title amendment, before "adding" insert
2 "amending RCW 28A.310.500;"

EFFECT: Adds that the Forefront at the University of Washington must convene a one-day in-person training for student support staff from the educational service districts (ESDs) regarding suicide.

Requires Forefront to continue meeting with the ESDs via videoconference on a monthly basis to assess the feasibility of developing a multiyear, statewide rollout of a comprehensive school suicide prevention model.

Directs Forefront to work to develop public-private partnerships to support the rollout of a comprehensive school suicide prevention model in middle and high schools.

Provides requirements for the comprehensive school suicide prevention model.

Tasks Forefront with reporting on certain outcomes and recommendations to the appropriate committees of the Legislature.

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