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By House Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Stambaugh, Sells, Muri, Klippert, Senn, Robinson, and Tarleton)

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1 AN ACT Relating to a pilot program to implement regional school
2 safety and security centers in three educational service districts;
3 creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that school
6 personnel are often the first responders when there is a violent
7 threat or natural or man-made disaster at a school. The legislature
8 further finds that school personnel need to be trained to intervene
9 and provide assistance during these emergency incidents. The
10 legislature recognizes an educational service district has developed
11 a model for a regional school safety and security center, which can
12 provide this type of training. The legislature intends to provide
13 training to other regions in the state by authorizing a pilot program
14 to create regional school safety and security centers in three other
15 educational service districts.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) During the 2015-2017 biennium, three
17 educational service districts shall implement a pilot program to
18 create regional school safety and security centers in each of the
19 three educational service districts. One educational service district
20 must be an educational service district that is entirely west of the

1 crest of the Cascade mountains and is partially bounded by an
2 international border. One educational service district must be east
3 of the crest of the Cascade mountains. One educational service
4 district may be located anywhere in the state of Washington.

5 (2) The pilot program must include the following components:

6 (a) Establishment of a network of school safety coordinators for
7 the educational service districts, which shall focus on prevention
8 planning, intervention, mitigation, crisis response, and community
9 recovery regarding emergency incidents in schools;

10 (b) Collaboration with the educational service district that
11 developed the model for a regional school safety and security center
12 to adopt its model for a regional school safety and security center;

13 (c) Creation of technology-based systems that enable more
14 efficient and effective communication between schools and emergency
15 response entities, including local law enforcement, local fire
16 departments, and state and federal responders;

17 (d) Provision of technology support to improve communication and
18 data management between schools and emergency response entities;

19 (e) Ongoing training of school personnel and emergency responders
20 to establish a system for preventative identification, intervention
21 strategies, and management of risk behaviors;

22 (f) Development of a professional development program to train
23 school personnel as first responders until the arrival of emergency
24 responders; and

25 (g) Building a collaborative relationship between educational
26 service districts participating in the pilot program, the office of
27 the superintendent of public instruction, and the school safety
28 advisory committee and focusing on expanding regional school safety
29 and security centers to all of the other educational service
30 districts.

31 (3) This section expires December 31, 2017.

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