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1 AN ACT Relating to school district policy and procedures for
2 interviews and interrogations of students on school premises; and
3 adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) By August 1, 2018, each school district shall adopt a policy
8 and procedures for interviews and interrogations of students on
9 school premises that at a minimum incorporates the model policy and
10 procedures on this topic revised by the Washington state school
11 directors' association in July of 2013.

12 (2) The procedures adopted under subsection (1) of this section
13 must include the following for law enforcement interviews and
14 interrogations of students not involving child abuse or neglect
15 investigations:

16 (a) If a student is under twelve years of age, parents,
17 guardians, or designated adults must be notified and give permission
18 before any interview or interrogation takes place unless the law
19 enforcement official has a warrant, court order, or the official
20 stipulates that exigent circumstances exist;

1 (b) If a student is twelve years of age or older, the principal
2 or designee will make a reasonable effort to contact the parents or
3 guardians prior to the interview or as soon as possible thereafter.
4 If a parent or guardian cannot be contacted, the principal or
5 designee will contact the designated adults noted on the student's
6 emergency contact card for their consent. Parent contact will not be
7 required where the law enforcement officer indicates that child abuse
8 or neglect is alleged; and

9 (c) Law enforcement officers must recognize the potential time
10 delay for parents or guardians to be contacted and a reasonable time
11 for parents or guardians to arrive at the school.

12 (3) School districts shall notify law enforcement officers within
13 their boundaries of the policy and procedures adopted under
14 subsection (1) of this section. Such notification may be by
15 electronic means.

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