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**SENATE BILL 5594**

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**By** Senators Lias, Warnick, Wilson, C., Wellman, Kuderer, Nguyen, Saldaña, and Zeiger

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1 AN ACT Relating to supporting media literacy and digital  
2 citizenship; adding new sections to chapter 28A.300 RCW; and  
3 providing an expiration date.

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.300  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
8 establish a grant program for the purposes of supporting media  
9 literacy and digital citizenship through school district leadership  
10 teams. The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
11 establish and publish criteria for the grant program, and may accept  
12 gifts, grants, or endowments from public or private sources for the  
13 grant program.

14 (2)(a) For a school district to qualify for a grant under this  
15 section, the grant proposal must provide that the grantee shall  
16 create a district leadership team that develops a curriculum unit on  
17 media literacy or digital citizenship, or both, that may be  
18 integrated into one of the following areas:

- 19 (i) Social studies;  
20 (ii) English language arts; or  
21 (iii) Health.

1 (b) School districts selected under the grant program are  
2 expected to evaluate the curriculum unit they develop under this  
3 subsection.

4 (c) In developing their curriculum unit, school districts  
5 selected under the grant program are encouraged to work with school  
6 district teacher-librarians or a school district library information  
7 technology program, if applicable.

8 (3) The establishment of the grant program under this section is  
9 subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this purpose.

10 (4) The curriculum unit developed under this section shall be  
11 made available as an open educational resource.

12 (5) This section expires July 1, 2029.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300  
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
16 purpose, the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
17 convene two regional conferences on the subject of media literacy and  
18 digital citizenship.

19 (2) The conferences in this section should highlight the work  
20 performed by the recipients of the grant program established under  
21 section 1 of this act, as well as best practices in media literacy  
22 and digital citizenship.

23 (3) The locations for conferences convened under this section  
24 must include one site in western Washington and one site in eastern  
25 Washington.

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