WSR 24-18-117 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY WASHINGTON STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND [Filed September 4, 2024, 8:33 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Student code of conduct and student disciplinary procedures.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 34.05.010(16), 72.40.022(15).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: To bring the Washington state school for the blind's student conduct code, chapter 72-120 WAC, into compliance with a new final rule issued by the United States Department of Education pursuant to its authority under Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972 and to update other provisions of the student conduct code to re-flect current issues and needs of the school and its students. Additionally, rule changes are needed to update the student conduct code for consistency with the office of superintendent of public instruction's (OSPI) rules, chapter 392-400 WAC, regarding student discipline.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: United States Department of Education, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; OSPI.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Scott McCallum, Superintendent, 2214 East 13th Street, Vancouver, WA 98661, phone 360-947-3301, fax 360-737-2120, email scott.mccallum@wssb.wa.gov, website www.wssb.wa.gov.

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