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- AN ACT Relating to notifying substitute teachers of complaints about the performance of their professional duties; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.405 RCW.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.405 6 RCW to read as follows:
- 7 (1) If a written or verbal complaint about the performance of professional duties by a substitute teacher is made to a school 8 9 district by the parent or guardian of a student, or a district employee, the district must, unless it determines the complaint to be 10 11 without merit or otherwise insufficient to warrant further action, notify the substitute teacher of the complaint. The notification 12 13 required by this subsection must be made by telephone or via email 14 within twenty-four hours of a complaint received during the school year, or within one week of a complaint received at any other time. 15 16 notification required by this section must include 17 information provided to the district in the complaint and any formal 18 or other opportunities the substitute teacher has to respond to the 19 complaint.
- 20 (2) Except as provided in subsection (1) of this section, nothing 21 in this section requires a school district to modify district

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- 1 requirements and practices governing responses to received complaints
- 2 about the performance of professional duties by a substitute teacher.

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