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**HOUSE BILL 1617**

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**State of Washington 67th Legislature 2022 Regular Session**

**By** Representatives Morgan, Leavitt, J. Johnson, Ramel, Callan, Davis, Taylor, Santos, Simmons, Riccelli, Ormsby, and Harris-Talley

AN ACT Relating to aligning state and school holidays; amending RCW 28A.150.050; and creating a new section.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  In 2021, the state enacted House Bill No. 1016 to declare Juneteenth a state legal holiday. The legislature finds that there is ambiguity about whether Juneteenth is also a school holiday as a result of that act. The legislature intends to clarify that Juneteenth, like all other state legal holidays, is a school holiday on which school may not be taught.

**Sec.**  RCW 28A.150.050 and 2014 c 177 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) ((~~The following are~~)) All of the state legal holidays set forth in RCW 1.16.050(1) are also school holidays((~~,~~)) and school may not be taught on these days((~~:~~

~~(a) Sunday;~~

~~(b) The first day of January, commonly called New Year's Day;~~

~~(c) The third Monday of January, celebrated as the anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr.;~~

~~(d) The third Monday in February, to be known as Presidents' Day and celebrated as the anniversary of the births of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington;~~

~~(e) The last Monday in May, commonly known as Memorial Day;~~

~~(f) The fourth day of July, the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence;~~

~~(g) The first Monday in September, to be known as Labor Day;~~

~~(h) The eleventh day of November, to be known as Veterans' Day;~~

~~(i) The fourth Thursday in November, commonly known as Thanksgiving Day;~~

~~(j) The Friday immediately following the fourth Thursday in November, to be known as Native American Heritage Day; and~~

~~(k) The twenty-fifth day of December, commonly called Christmas Day~~)).

(2) No reduction from a teacher's time or salary may be made by reason of the fact that a school day happens to be one of the days referred to in this section as a day on which school is not taught.

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