
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5479

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By Senate Committee on Health & Human Services (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Deccio, Talmadge, Moyer, Franklin, M. Rasmussen and Oke)

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1 AN ACT Relating to Washington state children's day; reenacting and
2 amending RCW 1.16.050; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Washington's
5 children are one of our most valuable assets, representing hope for the
6 future. Children today are at risk for many things, including drug and
7 alcohol abuse, child abuse, suicide, peer pressure, and the economic
8 and educational challenges of a changing world. It is increasingly
9 important for families, schools, health professionals, caregivers, and
10 workers at state agencies charged with the protection and help of
11 children to listen to them, to support and encourage them, and to help
12 them build their dreams for the future.

13 To increase recognition of children's issues, a national children's
14 day is celebrated in October, with ceremonies and activities devoted to
15 children. Washington state focuses special attention on its children
16 by establishing a Washington state children's day.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 1.16.050 and 1991 sp.s. c 20 s 1 and 1991 c 57 s 2 are
18 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

1 The following are legal holidays: Sunday; the first day of
2 January, commonly called New Year's Day; the third Monday of January,
3 being celebrated as the anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther King,
4 Jr.; the third Monday of February to be known as Presidents' Day and to
5 be celebrated as the anniversary of the births of Abraham Lincoln and
6 George Washington; the last Monday of May, commonly known as Memorial
7 Day; the fourth day of July, being the anniversary of the Declaration
8 of Independence; the first Monday in September, to be known as Labor
9 Day; the eleventh day of November, to be known as Veterans' Day; the
10 fourth Thursday in November, to be known as Thanksgiving Day; the day
11 immediately following Thanksgiving Day; and the twenty-fifth day of
12 December, commonly called Christmas Day.

13 Employees of the state and its political subdivisions, except
14 employees of school districts and except those nonclassified employees
15 of institutions of higher education who hold appointments or are
16 employed under contracts to perform services for periods of less than
17 twelve consecutive months, shall be entitled to one paid holiday per
18 calendar year in addition to those specified in this section. Each
19 employee of the state or its political subdivisions may select the day
20 on which the employee desires to take the additional holiday provided
21 for herein after consultation with the employer pursuant to guidelines
22 to be promulgated by rule of the appropriate personnel authority, or in
23 the case of local government by ordinance or resolution of the
24 legislative authority.

25 If any of the above specified state legal holidays are also federal
26 legal holidays but observed on different dates, only the state legal
27 holidays shall be recognized as a paid legal holiday for employees of
28 the state and its political subdivisions except that for port districts
29 and the law enforcement and public transit employees of municipal
30 corporations, either the federal or the state legal holiday, but in no
31 case both, may be recognized as a paid legal holiday for employees.

32 Whenever any legal holiday, other than Sunday, falls upon a Sunday,
33 the following Monday shall be the legal holiday.

34 Whenever any legal holiday falls upon a Saturday, the preceding
35 Friday shall be the legal holiday.

36 Nothing in this section shall be construed to have the effect of
37 adding or deleting the number of paid holidays provided for in an
38 agreement between employees and employers of political subdivisions of

1 the state or as established by ordinance or resolution of the local
2 government legislative authority.

3 The legislature declares that the twelfth day of October shall be
4 recognized as Columbus Day but shall not be considered a legal holiday
5 for any purposes.

6 The legislature declares that the ninth day of April shall be
7 recognized as former prisoner of war recognition day but shall not be
8 considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

9 The legislature declares that the twenty-sixth day of January shall
10 be recognized as Washington army and air national guard day but shall
11 not be considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

12 The legislature declares that the seventh day of August shall be
13 recognized as purple heart recipient recognition day but shall not be
14 considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

15 The legislature declares that the second Sunday in October be
16 recognized as Washington state children's day but shall not be
17 considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

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