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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6155

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By Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Winsley, Franklin, Prentice and Bauer)

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1 AN ACT Relating to schools; amending RCW 28A.635.060 and  
2 13.32A.040; adding a new section to chapter 28A.225 RCW; and providing  
3 an effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.635.060 and 1993 c 347 s 3 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Any pupil who shall deface or otherwise injure any school  
8 property, shall be liable to suspension and punishment. Any school  
9 district whose property has been lost or willfully cut, defaced, or  
10 injured, may withhold the grades, diploma, and transcripts of the pupil  
11 responsible for the damage or loss until the pupil or the pupil's  
12 parent or guardian has paid for the damages(~~(, unless the student is~~  
13 ~~transferring to another elementary or secondary educational~~  
14 ~~institution, in which case the student's permanent record shall be~~  
15 ~~released promptly to the receiving school)~~). When the pupil and parent  
16 or guardian are unable to pay for the damages, the school district  
17 shall provide a program of voluntary work for the pupil in lieu of the  
18 payment of monetary damages. Upon completion of voluntary work the  
19 grades, diploma, and transcripts of the pupil shall be released. The

1 parent or guardian of such pupil shall be liable for damages as  
2 otherwise provided by law.

3 (2) Before any penalties are assessed under this section, a school  
4 district board of directors shall adopt procedures which insure that  
5 pupils' rights to due process are protected.

6 (3) If the department of social and health services or a child-  
7 placing agency licensed by the department has been granted custody of  
8 a child, that child's records, if requested by the department or  
9 agency, are not to be withheld for nonpayment of school fees or any  
10 other reason.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.225  
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 (1) When enrolling a student who has attended school in another  
14 school district, the school enrolling the student shall request the  
15 parent and the student to briefly indicate in writing whether or not  
16 the student has:

- 17 (a) Any history of placement in special educational programs;
- 18 (b) Any past, current, or pending disciplinary action;
- 19 (c) Any history of violent behavior;
- 20 (d) Any unpaid fines or fees imposed by other schools; and
- 21 (e) Any health conditions affecting the student's educational  
22 needs.

23 (2) The school enrolling the student shall request the school the  
24 student previously attended to send the student's permanent record  
25 including records of disciplinary action. However, if the student has  
26 not paid a fine or fee under RCW 28A.635.060, the school may withhold  
27 the student's official transcript and transmit information about the  
28 student's academic performance, special placement, and records of  
29 disciplinary action. If the official transcript is not sent due to  
30 unpaid fees or fines, the enrolling school shall notify both the  
31 student and parent or guardian that the official transcript will not be  
32 sent until the obligation is met, and failure to have an official  
33 transcript may result in exclusion from extracurricular activities or  
34 failure to graduate.

35 (3) If information is requested under subsection (2) of this  
36 section, the information shall be transmitted within two school days  
37 after receiving the request.

1       **Sec. 3.** RCW 13.32A.040 and 1990 c 276 s 4 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       Families who are in conflict or who are experiencing problems with  
4 at-risk youth may request family reconciliation services from the  
5 department. Such services shall be provided to alleviate personal or  
6 family situations which present a serious and imminent threat to the  
7 health or stability of the child or family and to maintain families  
8 intact wherever possible. Family reconciliation services shall be  
9 designed to develop skills and supports within families to resolve  
10 problems related to at-risk youth or family conflicts and may include  
11 but are not limited to referral to services for suicide prevention,  
12 psychiatric or other medical care, or psychological, welfare, legal,  
13 educational, or other social services, as appropriate to the needs of  
14 the child and the family. Upon a referral by a school or other  
15 appropriate agency, family reconciliation services may also include  
16 training in parenting, conflict management, and dispute resolution  
17 skills.

18       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act shall take effect July 1, 1994.

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