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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6478**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Kohl-Welles, Goings, Eide, Patterson and Rasmussen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to food safety standards in schools; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 28A.235 RCW; 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 the health,  
5 safety, and welfare of Washington students is dependent upon the safe  
6 preparation of food at Washington schools. The legislature further  
7 finds that children are more vulnerable and susceptible to food-borne  
8 illnesses warranting safety protections greater than might normally be  
9 prescribed. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature that higher  
10 food safety standards be implemented regarding personnel engaged in  
11 food preparation in Washington schools.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.235  
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 The superintendent of public instruction shall, in consultation  
15 with the department of health, local health jurisdictions,  
16 representatives of food and nutrition service employees, and  
17 representatives of the food service industry, adopt rules establishing  
18 minimum training and permit requirements of individuals employed by

1 school districts or private schools in the handling or preparation of  
2 food. The rules adopted under this section must exceed the standards  
3 required under chapter 69.06 RCW. The superintendent of public  
4 instruction's statutory authority to adopt new rules or amend  
5 previously adopted rules under this section expires two years after the  
6 effective date of this act.

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