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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

2 **SSB 5543** - H COMM AMD
3 By Committee on Education

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that a supportive
8 learning environment enhances student academic achievement. A
9 supportive learning environment is one that is safe, civil, healthy,
10 and intellectually stimulating where students are engaged in learning
11 and are committed to acquiring the knowledge, attitudes, skills, and
12 behaviors to succeed in the twenty-first century.

13 The legislature intends to improve the student learning environment
14 by helping school districts implement comprehensive safe school plans
15 that assist schools in providing a safe learning environment.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
17 RCW to read as follows:

18 A consistent comprehensive approach to school safety includes a
19 comprehensive safe school plan and implementation of the plan covering
20 prevention, intervention, all hazards and crisis response, and
21 postcrisis recovery. Staff, students, parents, the community, law
22 enforcement, and emergency preparedness shall be involved in the
23 development and implementation of the plan.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 (1) To the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose, each
27 local school board shall establish a policy requiring that each school
28 in its district develop a written comprehensive safe school plan
29 consistent with this section.

30 (2) The school district board of directors shall establish a
31 process for approval of individual school plans. Plans shall be
32 approved by September 1, 2002. Once approved, the school district
33 shall develop a process to inform students, staff, volunteers, and
34 parents about its comprehensive safe school plans.

1 (3) Each school shall annually conduct an evaluation of its
2 comprehensive safe school plan and conduct reviews, drills, or
3 simulated practices in coordination with local fire, law enforcement,
4 medical, and emergency management agencies. Districts also shall
5 annually provide information on the implementation and evaluation of
6 the plans to parents and students.

7 (4) Each school shall maintain a copy of its comprehensive safe
8 school plan and documentation of yearly reviews, drills, or simulated
9 practices within the office of the school principal and shall make a
10 copy of the report available for review upon written request.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 To the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose, a school
14 safety center shall be established to provide school districts with:
15 The assistance necessary to create a consistent, comprehensive approach
16 to school safety for every school and every school district; the means
17 to share safety information among school districts; and a process for
18 schools to effectively integrate safe school planning with emergency
19 preparedness personnel, the criminal justice training commission, and
20 local, county, and state law enforcement officers.

21 The safety center shall disseminate successful models of school
22 safety plans and cooperative efforts; provide assistance to schools to
23 establish a comprehensive safe school plan; select models of
24 cooperative efforts that have been proven successful; act as an
25 information dissemination and resource center when an incident occurs
26 in a school district either in Washington or in another state;
27 coordinate activities relating to school safety; review and approve
28 manuals and curricula used for school safety models and training; and
29 develop and maintain a school safety information web site.

30 The school safety center shall be established in the office of the
31 superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent of public
32 instruction shall appoint and participate in a school safety center
33 advisory committee that includes, but is not limited to,
34 representatives of educators, other school staff, administrators, the
35 American society for industrial security, the state criminal justice
36 training commission, law enforcement agencies, and others deemed
37 appropriate and approved by the school safety center advisory
38 committee. The advisory committee shall select a chair.

1 The school safety center advisory committee shall develop a
2 training program, using the best practices in school safety, for all
3 school safety personnel.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 To the extent funds are appropriated, a per pupil allocation shall
7 be distributed to each school district, however no school district may
8 be allocated less than two thousand dollars. School districts shall
9 use the funds to carry out district activities to develop and implement
10 a comprehensive safe school plan.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
12 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
13 June 30, 2001, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
14 void."

15 Correct the title.

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