

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6351

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SCHOOLS--THREATS OF VIOLENCE

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BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

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FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6351** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

TONY M. COOK

Secretary

Approved March 27, 2002

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GARY F. LOCKE

Governor of the State of Washington

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, McAuliffe, Finkbeiner, Rasmussen, Hochstatter, Stevens, Eide, Kohl-Welles, Keiser and Oke)

READ FIRST TIME 02/07/2002.

1 AN ACT Relating to safety of school employees and students; adding
2 a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) By September 1, 2003, each school district board of directors
7 shall adopt a policy that addresses the following issues:

8 (a) Procedures for providing notice of threats of violence or harm
9 to the student or school employee who is the subject of the threat.
10 The policy shall define "threats of violence or harm";

11 (b) Procedures for disclosing information that is provided to the
12 school administrators about a student's conduct, including but not
13 limited to the student's prior disciplinary records, official juvenile
14 court records, and history of violence, to classroom teachers, school
15 staff, and school security who, in the judgment of the principal,
16 should be notified; and

17 (c) Procedures for determining whether or not any threats or
18 conduct established in the policy may be grounds for suspension or
19 expulsion of the student.

1 (2) The superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with
2 educators and representatives of law enforcement, classified staff, and
3 organizations with expertise in violence prevention and intervention,
4 shall adopt a model policy that includes the issues listed in
5 subsection (1) of this section by January 1, 2003. The model policy
6 shall be posted on the superintendent of public instruction's web site.
7 The school districts, in drafting their own policies, shall review the
8 model policy.

9 (3) School districts, school district boards of directors, school
10 officials, and school employees providing notice in good faith as
11 required and consistent with the board's policies adopted under this
12 section are immune from any liability arising out of such notification.

13 (4) A person who intentionally and in bad faith or maliciously,
14 knowingly makes a false notification of a threat under this section is
15 guilty of a misdemeanor punishable under RCW 9A.20.021.

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