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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Rockefeller, Cox, Quall, Haigh, Simpson, Edwards, Keiser, Conway, Schual-Berke, Kenney, Santos, Darneille and Jackley; by request of Governor Locke and Superintendent of Public Instruction)

Brief Description: Improving student safety.

HB 1818-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to improve the student learning environment by helping school districts implement comprehensive safe school plans that assist schools in providing a safe learning environment.

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

Requires to the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose, each local school board shall establish a policy requiring that each school in its district develop a written comprehensive safe school plan consistent with this act.

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

Requires that, to the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose, the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall contract with an independent vendor to establish the school safety hotline.

Provides that, to the extent funds are appropriated, a per pupil allocation shall be distributed to each school district, however no school district may be allocated less than two thousand dollars.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.