

6351-S

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Brief Description: Requiring notification policies regarding threats at schools.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that, by September 1, 2003, each school district board of directors shall adopt a policy that addresses the following issues: (1) Procedures for providing notice of threats of violence or harm to the student or school employee who is the subject of the threat. The policy shall define "threats of violence or harm";

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

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

Requires the superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with educators and representatives of law enforcement, classified staff, and organizations with expertise in violence prevention and intervention, to adopt a model policy that includes the issues listed in this act by January 1, 2003.

Provides that a person who intentionally and in bad faith or maliciously, knowingly makes a false notification of a threat under this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable under RCW 9A.20.021.