
HOUSE BILL 1300

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1 AN ACT Relating to school health plans; and amending RCW
2 28A.195.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.195.010 and 1993 c 336 s 1101 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The legislature hereby recognizes that private schools should be
7 subject only to those minimum state controls necessary to insure the
8 health and safety of all the students in the state and to insure a
9 sufficient basic education to meet usual graduation requirements. The
10 state, any agency or official thereof, shall not restrict or dictate
11 any specific educational or other programs for private schools except
12 as hereinafter in this section provided.

13 Principals of private schools or superintendents of private school
14 districts shall file each year with the state superintendent of public
15 instruction a statement certifying that the minimum requirements
16 hereinafter set forth are being met, noting any deviations. After
17 review of the statement, the state superintendent will notify schools
18 or school districts of those deviations which must be corrected. In
19 case of major deviations, the school or school district may request and

1 the state board of education may grant provisional status for one year
2 in order that the school or school district may take action to meet the
3 requirements. Minimum requirements shall be as follows:

4 (1) The minimum school year for instructional purposes shall
5 consist of no less than one hundred eighty school days or the
6 equivalent in annual minimum program hour offerings as prescribed in
7 RCW 28A.150.220.

8 (2) The school day shall be the same as that required in RCW
9 28A.150.030 and 28A.150.220, except that the percentages of total
10 program hour offerings as prescribed in RCW 28A.150.220 for basic
11 skills, work skills, and optional subjects and activities shall not
12 apply to private schools or private sectarian schools.

13 (3) All classroom teachers shall hold appropriate Washington state
14 certification except as follows:

15 (a) Teachers for religious courses or courses for which no
16 counterpart exists in public schools shall not be required to obtain a
17 state certificate to teach those courses.

18 (b) In exceptional cases, people of unusual competence but without
19 certification may teach students so long as a certified person
20 exercises general supervision. Annual written statements shall be
21 submitted to the office of the superintendent of public instruction
22 reporting and explaining such circumstances.

23 (4) An approved private school may operate an extension program for
24 parents, guardians, or persons having legal custody of a child to teach
25 children in their custody. The extension program shall require at a
26 minimum that:

27 (a) The parent, guardian, or custodian be under the supervision of
28 an employee of the approved private school who is certified under
29 chapter 28A.410 RCW;

30 (b) The planning by the certified person and the parent, guardian,
31 or person having legal custody include objectives consistent with this
32 subsection and subsections (1), (2), (5), (6), and (7) of this section;

33 (c) The certified person spend a minimum average each month of one
34 contact hour per week with each student under his or her supervision
35 who is enrolled in the approved private school extension program;

36 (d) Each student's progress be evaluated by the certified person;
37 and

1 (e) The certified employee shall not supervise more than thirty
2 students enrolled in the approved private school's extension program.

3 (5) Appropriate measures shall be taken to safeguard all permanent
4 records against loss or damage.

5 (6) The physical facilities of the school or district shall be
6 adequate to meet the program offered by the school or district:
7 PROVIDED, That each school building shall meet reasonable health and
8 fire safety requirements. However, the state board shall not require
9 private school students to meet the student learning goals, obtain a
10 certificate of mastery to graduate from high school, to master the
11 essential academic learning requirements, or to be assessed pursuant to
12 RCW ((~~28A.630.885~~)) 28A.655.060. However, private schools may choose,
13 on a voluntary basis, to have their students master these essential
14 academic learning requirements, take these assessments, and obtain
15 certificates of mastery. A residential dwelling of the parent,
16 guardian, or custodian shall be deemed to be an adequate physical
17 facility when a parent, guardian, or person having legal custody is
18 instructing his or her child under subsection (4) of this section.

19 (7) Private school curriculum shall include instruction of the
20 basic skills of occupational education, science, mathematics, language,
21 social studies, history, health, reading, writing, spelling, and the
22 development of appreciation of art and music, all in sufficient units
23 for meeting state board of education graduation requirements.

24 (8) Each school or school district shall be required to maintain
25 up-to-date policy statements related to the administration and
26 operation of the school or school district.

27 (9) Each school or school district shall be required to maintain an
28 up-to-date school health plan. The plan shall include policies for the
29 identification and control of communicable diseases, health services
30 and related records, scoliosis screening, life-threatening conditions,
31 diabetes, reporting of child abuse and neglect, provisions for
32 compliance with RCW 28A.210.060 through 28A.210.170 regarding
33 immunizations, and RCW 28A.210.260 through 28A.210.290 regarding
34 catheterization.

35 All decisions of policy, philosophy, selection of books, teaching
36 material, curriculum, except as in subsection (7) above provided,
37 school rules and administration, or other matters not specifically

1 referred to in this section, shall be the responsibility of the
2 administration and administrators of the particular private school
3 involved.

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