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By Senators Honeyford and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing interdistrict health benefits for
2 educational employees; and amending RCW 28A.400.275.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.400.275 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 11 s 5 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) Any contract for employee benefits executed after April 13,
7 1990, between a school district and a benefit provider or employee
8 bargaining unit is null and void unless it contains an agreement to
9 abide by state laws relating to school district employee benefits. The
10 term of the contract may not exceed one year.

11 (2) School districts shall annually submit to the Washington state
12 health care authority summary descriptions of all benefits offered
13 under the district's employee benefit plan. The districts shall also
14 submit data to the health care authority specifying the total number of
15 employees and, for each employee, types of coverage or benefits
16 received including numbers of covered dependents, the number of
17 eligible dependents, the amount of the district's contribution,
18 additional premium costs paid by the employee through payroll

1 deductions, and the age and sex of the employee and each dependent.
2 The plan descriptions and the data shall be submitted in a format and
3 according to a schedule established by the health care authority.

4 (3) Any benefit provider offering a benefit plan by contract with
5 a school district under subsection (1) of this section shall agree to
6 make available to the school district the benefit plan descriptions
7 and, where available, the demographic information on plan subscribers
8 that the district is required to report to the Washington state health
9 care authority under this section.

10 (4) Beginning with contracts negotiated after the effective date of
11 this section, school districts may provide for interdistrict health
12 benefits that provide spouses employed in different school districts to
13 receive benefits at the same rate as spouses employed in a single
14 school district.

15 (5) This section shall not apply to benefit plans offered in the
16 1989-90 school year.

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