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SENATE BILL 6170

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By Senators Benton, Carlson, Stevens, Johnson, Roach, Esser, T. Sheldon, Pflug and Schmidt

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- AN ACT Relating to information about misconduct of school district employees; adding a new section to chapter 28A.400 RCW; and declaring an emergency.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.400 6 RCW to read as follows:
- 7 Beginning July 1, 2004, no board or official of a school district 8 shall enter into any agreement, including collective bargaining 9 agreements, or engage in any activity that has the effect of 10 suppressing information about misconduct of a present or former employee or of expunging information about that misconduct from the 11 personnel records of any former or present employee of the school 12 13 district. Any provisions of a contract or agreement entered into after 14 2004, that is contrary to this section is void and 15 unenforceable and may not be withheld from disclosure by the entry of 16 any administrative or court order. This section does not restrict the 17 expungement from a personnel file of information about alleged misconduct that has not been substantiated. 18

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<u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately.

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