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By Senators Kohl-Welles, Johnson, Eide, Carlson, Benton, Keiser, Finkbeiner, Rasmussen, Franklin, McAuliffe, Esser, Winsley, Kline, Oke and Murray

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1   AN ACT Relating to information on disciplinary actions taken
2 against school employees; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW;
3 and creating a new section.

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

5   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that it is in the best
6 interests of Washington's children that parents, school districts, and
7 the public in general have access to information regarding each school
8 employee's prior disciplinary action. The legislature recognizes that
9 this information is currently available via public disclosure requests
10 but finds that there is a need to make this information more easily
11 available. It is the intent of the legislature to provide parents,
12 school districts, and the public with additional tools to ensure a safe
13 learning environment for Washington's children.

14   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
15 RCW to read as follows:
16   The superintendent of public instruction shall post on its web site
17 a list of school employees who have had any disciplinary action taken
18 against them and the grounds for the disciplinary action.   The list

1   shall be updated annually at a minimum and shall be available to the
2   public. For the purposes of this section, disciplinary action includes
3   private or public reprimand, suspension, stayed suspension, or
4   revocation of a license. A disciplinary action shall not be posted on
5   the web site if an appeal is still pending. A voluntary surrender of
6   a license or a voluntary termination of employment during an
7   investigation or a disciplinary action shall be posted on the web site
8   as such.

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