

ESSB 5100 - H COMM AMD  
By Committee on Education

1       Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3       "NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.210  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5       (1) Beginning with the 2008-09 school year, as part of a public  
6 school's enrollment process, the school shall annually inquire whether  
7 a student has health insurance. If a student's parent or guardian  
8 indicates that a student does not have health insurance coverage or  
9 does not indicate whether the student has or does not have health  
10 insurance, the school district or a designated community health care  
11 collaborative under written contract with the school district shall  
12 provide the parent or guardian with information about the existence of  
13 the medicaid and children's health insurance program and how to get  
14 additional information about the programs. The information shall be  
15 provided in writing via postal mail, electronic mail, or existing  
16 communication channels, by December 1, 2008, and annually thereafter.

17       (2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
18 work with the department of social and health services, the office of  
19 the education ombudsman, and established community health care  
20 collaboratives that have proven outreach and enrollment services to  
21 schools in developing a one-page informational sheet that contains the  
22 information schools are required to provide to parents under subsection  
23 (1) of this section and make that informational sheet available to  
24 schools on the superintendent of public instruction's web site and the  
25 office of the education ombudsman's web site by August 1, 2008.

26       (3) In carrying out their duties under this section, the specified  
27 agencies and collaboratives shall coordinate with the work of the  
28 select interim legislative task force on comprehensive school health  
29 established by chapter 5, Laws of 2007.

1           (4) Beginning December 1, 2008, schools shall report annually to  
2 the superintendent of public instruction the number of students that  
3 reported not having health insurance under subsection (1) of this  
4 section.

5           (5) As used in this section, "community health care collaborative"  
6 means a nonprofit organization or a local government entity that  
7 sponsors a community-based public-private collaborative with the stated  
8 purpose of improving health care access for a defined geographic area  
9 and target population, with an emphasis on active outreach to the  
10 uninsured and low-income persons. The collaborative must demonstrate  
11 formal governance accountability to a broad base of health care safety-  
12 net providers, school districts, hospitals, and public health and other  
13 community-based organizations."

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