

2ESSB 5100 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Education

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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) By August 1, 2008, the superintendent of public instruction
6 shall solicit and select up to six school districts to implement, on a
7 pilot project basis, this section. The selected school districts shall
8 include districts from urban and rural areas, and eastern and western
9 Washington.

10 (2) Beginning with the 2008-09 school year, as part of a public
11 school's enrollment process, each school participating as a pilot
12 project shall annually inquire whether a student has health insurance.
13 The school shall include in the inquiry a statement explaining that an
14 outreach worker may contact families with uninsured students about
15 options for health care coverage. The inquiry shall make provision for
16 the parent or guardian to authorize the sharing of information for this
17 purpose, consistent with state and federal confidentiality
18 requirements.

19 (3) The school shall record each student's health insurance status
20 in the district's student information system.

21 (4) By December 1, 2008, from the district's student information
22 system, the pilot school shall develop a list of students without
23 insurance for whom parent authorization to share information was
24 granted. To the extent such information is available, the list shall
25 include:

26 (a) Identifiers, including each student's full name and date of
27 birth; and

28 (b) Parent or guardian contact information, including telephone
29 number, e-mail address, and street address.

1 (5) By September 1, 2008, the department and superintendent shall
2 develop and make available a model agreement to enable schools to share
3 student information in compliance with state and federal
4 confidentiality requirements.

5 (6) By January 1, 2009, each participating pilot school and a local
6 outreach organization, where available, shall work to put in place an
7 agreement to share student information in accordance with state and
8 federal confidentiality requirements. Once an agreement is in place,
9 the school shall share the list described in subsection (4) of this
10 section with the outreach organization.

11 (7) The outreach organization shall use the information on the list
12 to contact families and assist them to enroll students on a medical
13 program, in accordance with chapter 74.09 RCW.

14 (8) By July 1, 2009, pilot schools shall report to the
15 superintendent of public instruction:

16 (a) The number of students identified without health insurance
17 under subsection (2) of this section; and

18 (b) Whether an agreement as described under subsection (6) of this
19 section is in place.

20 (9) By December 1, 2009, the department and the superintendent
21 shall submit a joint report to the legislature that provides:

22 (a) Summary information on the number of students identified
23 without insurance;

24 (b) The number of schools with agreements with outreach
25 organizations and the number without such agreements;

26 (c) The cost of collecting and reporting data;

27 (d) The impact of such outreach efforts they can quantify; and

28 (e) Any recommendations for changes that would improve the
29 efficiency or effectiveness of outreach efforts described in this
30 section.

31 (10) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
32 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

33 (a) "Department" means the department of social and health
34 services.

35 (b) "Superintendent" means the superintendent of public
36 instruction.

37 (c) "Outreach organization" means a nonprofit organization or a

1 local government entity either contracting with the department pursuant
2 to chapter 74.09 RCW, or otherwise qualified to provide outreach,
3 education, and enrollment services to uninsured children.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
5 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
6 June 30, 2008, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
7 void."

8 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Delays the selection of the pilot schools to August rather than July 2008. Requires a single report from the pilot schools and OSPI rather than annual reports. Includes in the OSPI report information about the cost of collecting and reporting data.

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