
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5779

State of Washington

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By Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Hobbs, Jarrett, and Tom)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the state board of health adopting rules that
2 impact school districts; adding a new section to chapter 28A.210 RCW;
3 creating a new section; providing expiration dates; and declaring an
4 emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature commends the state board
7 of health for its commitment to making schools safe and to ensuring
8 healthy learning environments for all children. While the legislature
9 is also committed to the health and safety of Washington's school
10 children, it recognizes that it cannot practically implement the state
11 board of health's proposed school environmental health and safety rules
12 without an extended phase-in period in light of other budget
13 constraints.

14 (2) This section expires January 1, 2015.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.210
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 (1) During the period January 1, 2009, until January 1, 2015,
18 before the state board of health implements any rules pertaining to

1 primary and secondary school facilities, it shall present the rules and
2 a final cost estimate to the legislature, and the legislature shall
3 formally approve the implementation of the rules through the omnibus
4 appropriations act or by statute or concurrent resolution. The
5 legislature may incrementally phase-in appropriations to support the
6 school environmental health and safety rules until full implementation
7 can be achieved.

8 (2) The boards of directors of each school district are encouraged
9 to review the state board of health's rules pertaining to school
10 facilities and to consider implementing those that have no fiscal
11 impact.

12 (3) This section expires January 1, 2015.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
15 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
16 immediately.

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