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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Dammeier, Rolfes, Litzow, Billig, Mullet, Becker, Hill, Hargrove, Braun, Honeyford, Roach, and Hewitt)

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1 AN ACT Relating to safe school buildings; amending RCW 28A.335.010;
2 adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW; and adding a new section
3 to chapter 28A.300 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 By December 1, 2014, a school district shall either:

8 (1) Work with its local law enforcement agency to develop and
9 implement a panic alarm system using technology to expedite law
10 enforcement's arrival and effective response in the event of a threat
11 at a school; or

12 (2) Implement a model policy developed by the superintendent of
13 public instruction that the school district may use to implement a
14 panic alarm system that uses technology to expedite law enforcement's
15 arrival and effective response in the event of a threat at a school.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
17 RCW to read as follows:

18 (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall collaborate with

1 law enforcement and the school safety advisory committee to develop a
2 model policy that school districts may use to implement a panic alarm
3 system that uses technology to expedite law enforcement's arrival and
4 effective response in the event of a threat at a school.

5 (2) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop and make
6 the model policy available to school districts by June 1, 2014.

7 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.335.010 and 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28A.58.102 are each
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (1) Every board of directors, unless otherwise specifically
10 provided by law, shall:

11 ~~((1+))~~ (a) Cause all school buildings to be properly heated,
12 lighted, and ventilated and maintained in a clean and sanitary
13 condition; ~~((and~~

14 ~~(+2))~~ (b) Maintain and repair, furnish, and insure such school
15 buildings;

16 (c) Strongly consider installing a perimeter security control
17 mechanism or system on all school campuses, as is appropriate to the
18 design of each campus; and

19 (d) Give preference to all school building plans and designs for
20 new school construction or remodeling of more than forty percent of an
21 existing school building that promote:

22 (i) An optimal level of security for the specific school site that
23 incorporates evolving technology and best practices to protect students
24 and staff in the event of a threat during school hours;

25 (ii) Direct control and observation of the public entering school
26 grounds; and

27 (iii) The public entering school grounds through as few entrances
28 as possible, such as through the main entrance of a school's
29 administrative offices.

30 (2) Specific school designs and construction started before the
31 effective date of this section are not subject to subsection (1)(c) and
32 (d) of this section.

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