

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5197**

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2013 Regular Session

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5197** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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State of Washington**

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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)

READ FIRST TIME 02/08/13.

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

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            School districts must work collaboratively with local law  
8 enforcement agencies and school security personnel to develop an  
9 emergency response system using evolving technology to expedite the  
10 response and arrival of law enforcement in the event of a threat or  
11 emergency at a school. School districts are encouraged to use the  
12 model policies developed by the school safety advisory committee of the  
13 office of the superintendent of public instruction as a resource. Each  
14 school district must submit a progress report on its implementation of  
15 an emergency response system as required under this section to the  
16 office of the superintendent of public instruction by December 1, 2014.

17            **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.335.010 and 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28A.58.102 are each  
18 amended to read as follows:

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

3       (~~(1)~~) (a) Cause all school buildings to be properly heated,  
4 lighted, and ventilated and maintained in a clean and sanitary  
5 condition; and

6       (~~(2)~~) (b) Maintain and repair, furnish, and insure such school  
7 buildings.

8       (2) Every board of directors, unless otherwise specifically  
9 provided by law, shall also:

10       (a) Consider installing a perimeter security control mechanism or  
11 system on all school campuses, as appropriate to the design of the  
12 campus; and

13       (b) For new school construction projects or remodeling projects of  
14 more than forty percent of an existing school building that are  
15 initiated after the effective date of this section, consider school  
16 building plans and designs that promote:

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

20       (ii) Direct control and observation of the public entering school  
21 grounds; and

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

25       (3) The purpose of subsection (2) of this section is to promote  
26 generally the safety of all students and staff in Washington public  
27 schools. Nothing in subsection (2) of this section creates any civil  
28 liability for school districts, or creates a new cause of action or new  
29 theory of negligence against a school district board of directors, a  
30 school district, or the state.

31       NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) The school safety advisory committee  
32 convened by the office of the superintendent of public instruction  
33 shall develop model policies and strategies for school districts and  
34 local law enforcement agencies to design emergency response systems  
35 using evolving technology to expedite the response and arrival of law  
36 enforcement in the event of a threat or emergency at a school. The

1 committee shall develop policies and strategies appropriate for a range  
2 of different threat or emergency scenarios.

3 (2)(a) The school safety advisory committee shall also develop  
4 recommendations related to incorporating school safety features in the  
5 planning and design of new or remodeled school facilities. The  
6 recommendations shall address, at a minimum:

7 (i) Options to address public access to school buildings and  
8 grounds;

9 (ii) Interior design features to address public access to  
10 classrooms; and

11 (iii) Options and best practices to protect students and staff in  
12 the event of a threat during school hours.

13 (b) The recommendations shall consider and provide flexibility  
14 regarding varying campus designs, geographic locations, site-specific  
15 needs, grade-level configurations, cost-effectiveness, and coordination  
16 with local law enforcement in a manner suitable to the locale.

17 (3) The school safety advisory committee shall submit a report to  
18 the education committees of the legislature by December 1, 2013, and  
19 post the report, model policies and recommendations developed under  
20 this section, and other resource information to assist school districts  
21 on the school safety center web site.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300  
23 RCW to read as follows:

24 Subject to funds appropriated specifically for this purpose, the  
25 office of the superintendent of public instruction shall allocate  
26 grants to school districts on a competitive basis for the purpose of  
27 implementing emergency response systems using evolving technology to  
28 expedite the response and arrival of law enforcement in the event of a  
29 threat or emergency at a school.

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