

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6431

63rd Legislature
2014 Regular Session

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YEAS 48 NAYS 0

President of the Senate

Passed by the House March 6, 2014
YEAS 90 NAYS 6

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved

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 **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6431** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Kohl-Welles, Lias, Kline, Rolfes, Parlette, Frockt, Pedersen, and Conway)

READ FIRST TIME 02/07/14.

1 AN ACT Relating to assistance for schools in implementing youth
2 suicide prevention activities; amending RCW 28A.300.288; and creating
3 new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that according to the
6 department of health, suicide is the second leading cause of death for
7 Washington youth between the ages of ten and twenty-four. Suicide
8 rates among Washington's youth remain higher than the national average.
9 An increasing body of research shows an association between adverse
10 childhood experiences such as trauma, violence, or abuse, and decreased
11 student learning and achievement. Underserved youth populations in
12 Washington who are not receiving access to state services continue to
13 remain at risk for suicide.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.300.288 and 2011 c 185 s 3 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
17 work with state agency and community partners to ((develop pilot

1 ~~projects to~~) assist schools in implementing youth suicide prevention
2 activities, which may include the following:

3 (a) Training for school employees, parents, community members, and
4 students in recognizing and responding to the signs of suicide;

5 (b) Partnering with local coalitions of community members
6 interested in preventing youth suicide; and

7 (c) Responding to communities determined to be in crisis after a
8 suicide or attempted suicide to prevent further instances of suicide.

9 (2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction, working
10 with state and community partners, shall prioritize funding
11 appropriated for subsection (1) of this section to communities
12 identified as the highest risk.

13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. If specific funding for the purposes of this
14 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
15 June 30, 2014, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
16 void.

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