
HOUSE BILL 2037

State of Washington

64th Legislature

2015 Regular Session

By Representative Klippert

Read first time 02/09/15. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 AN ACT Relating to requiring mental health assessments for K-12
2 students who were removed from school due to violence or mental
3 health issues; adding a new section to chapter 28A.210 RCW; providing
4 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.210
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) School districts shall require any student who was expelled,
9 suspended, or removed from school due to reasons relating to violence
10 or mental health issues be assessed by an independent, private,
11 third-party mental health professional before the student is
12 readmitted into school. If the mental health professional decides
13 that the student is mentally healthy, then the student may return to
14 school.

15 (2) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
16 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

17 (a) "Independent third party" means a mental health professional
18 other than a mental health professional from whom the student has
19 received or is receiving treatment.

1 (b) "Mental health professional" means a person who treats a
2 patient's mental health needs, including a psychologist and a
3 psychiatrist.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
5 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
6 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
7 effect July 1, 2015.

--- END ---