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**SENATE BILL 6421**

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**State of Washington 65th Legislature 2018 Regular Session**

**By** Senators Ranker, Saldaña, and Rolfes

AN ACT Relating to updating the environmental and sustainability literacy plan and ensuring its availability in the library of openly licensed courseware; amending RCW 28A.300.803; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW.

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

**Part I**

**ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING PLAN WORK GROUP**

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

(1) The superintendent of public instruction must convene a work group to update the environmental and sustainability literacy plan in existence on the effective date of this section and develop grade appropriate demonstration lessons that connect to adopted state standards.

(2) The work group must:

(a) Include representatives from a variety of sectors, including but not limited to teachers, agencies, environmental groups, and business representatives;

(b) Convene at least three but no more than five times;

(c) Update the environmental and sustainability literacy plan by August 1, 2019, subject to an appropriation supporting at least one full-time employee to the environmental and sustainability program within the office of the superintendent of public instruction; and

(d) Recommend next steps to be taken by the legislature to successfully implement the environmental and sustainability literacy plan on a statewide basis.

(3) The demonstration lessons developed by the work group shall be placed in the open courseware repository identified under RCW 28A.300.803.

**Part II**

**OPENLY LICENSED COURSEWARE**

**Sec.**  RCW 28A.300.803 and 2012 c 178 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1)(a) Subject to availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the superintendent of public instruction shall take the lead in identifying and developing a library of openly licensed courseware aligned with ((~~the common core~~)) state K-12 learning standards and placed under an attribution license, registered by a nonprofit or for-profit organization with domain expertise in open courseware, that allows others to use, distribute, and create derivative works based upon the digital material, while still allowing the authors or creators to retain the copyright and to receive credit for their efforts.

(b) During the course of identification and development of a library of openly licensed courseware, the superintendent:

(i) May contract with third parties for all or part of the development;

(ii) May adopt or adapt existing high quality openly licensed K-12 courseware aligned with ((~~the common core~~)) state learning standards;

(iii) May consider multiple sources of openly licensed courseware;

(iv) Must use best efforts to seek additional outside funding by actively partnering with private organizations;

(v) Must work collaboratively with other states that have adopted the common core state standards and collectively share results; and

(vi) Must include input from classroom practitioners, including teacher-librarians as defined by RCW 28A.320.240, in the results reported under subsection (2)(d) of this section.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction must also:

(a) Advertise to school districts the availability of openly licensed courseware, with an emphasis on the fact that the courseware is available at no cost to the districts;

(b) Identify an open courseware repository to which openly licensed courseware identified and developed under this section may be submitted, in which openly licensed courseware may be housed, and from which openly licensed courseware may be easily accessed, all at no cost to school districts;

(c) Provide professional development programs that offer support, guidance, and instruction regarding the creation, use, and continuous improvement of open courseware; and

(d) Report to the governor and the education committees of the legislature on a biennial basis, beginning December 1, 2013, ((~~and ending December 1, 2017,~~)) regarding identification and development of a library of openly licensed courseware aligned with ((~~the common core~~)) state K-12 learning standards and placed under an attribution license, use by school districts of openly licensed courseware, and professional development programs provided.

(3) School districts may, but are not required to, use any of the openly licensed courseware.

(4) As used in this section, "courseware" includes the course syllabus, scope and sequence, instructional materials, modules, textbooks, including the teacher's edition, student guides, supplemental materials, formative and summative assessment supports, research articles, research data, laboratory activities, simulations, videos, open-ended inquiry activities, demonstration lessons based on the state environmental and sustainability literacy plan, and any other educationally useful materials.

(5) The open educational resources account is created in the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from funds collected under this section must be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the account may be used only for the development of openly licensed courseware as described in this section. Only the superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

((~~(6) This section expires June 30, 2018.~~))

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