

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6191**

66th Legislature  
2020 Regular Session

Passed by the Senate March 7, 2020  
Yeas 45 Nays 3

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House March 4, 2020  
Yeas 96 Nays 1

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**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6191** 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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**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 Braun, Darneille, Hasegawa, O'Ban, Rolfes, Short, and Wilson, C.)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/20.

1            AN ACT Relating to assessing the prevalence of adverse childhood  
2 experiences in middle and high school students to inform decision  
3 making and improve services; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300  
4 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

6            NEW SECTION.        **Sec. 1.**        (1) The legislature stated in RCW  
7 70.305.005 that "adverse childhood experiences are a powerful common  
8 determinant of a child's ability to be successful at school and, as  
9 an adult, to be successful at work, to avoid behavioral and chronic  
10 physical health conditions, and to build healthy relationships."

11            (2) The legislature recognizes that the healthy youth survey is a  
12 voluntary and anonymous survey administered every two years to  
13 students in sixth, eighth, tenth, and twelfth grades.

14            (3) The legislature intends to include questions related to  
15 adverse childhood experiences in the healthy youth survey to help  
16 assess the prevalence of adverse childhood experiences throughout the  
17 state. The legislature further intends for these data to help inform  
18 school district and community decision making and improve services  
19 for students.

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

3        (1)(a)    The health care authority, in collaboration with the  
4    office of the superintendent of public instruction, the department of  
5    health, and the liquor and cannabis board, must incorporate questions  
6    related to adverse childhood experiences into the healthy youth  
7    survey that are validated for children and would allow reporting of  
8    adverse childhood experiences during childhood to be included in  
9    frequency reports. The questions must be administered for two cycles  
10   of the healthy youth survey and then evaluated by the agencies for  
11   any needed changes.

12        (b)    Student responses to the healthy youth survey are voluntary  
13   and must remain anonymous.

14        (c)    The aggregated student responses to the adverse childhood  
15   experiences questions must be made publicly available and  
16   disaggregated by state, educational service district, and county.

17        (d)    School districts and school buildings must be provided the  
18   aggregated student responses of their students.

19        (e)    The student response data specified in (c) and (d) of this  
20   subsection must comply with state and federal privacy laws.

21        (2)    School districts are encouraged to use the information about  
22   adverse childhood experiences in their decision making and to help  
23   improve services for students.

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