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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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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 5514** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

BRAD HENDRICKSON

**Secretary**

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**By** Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Padden, Wellman, Zeiger, and Frockt)

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1       AN ACT Relating to first responder agency notifications to  
2 schools regarding potential threats; and amending RCW 28A.320.125.

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

4       **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.320.125 and 2017 c 165 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6       (1) The legislature considers it to be a matter of public safety  
7 for public schools and staff to have current safe school plans and  
8 procedures in place, fully consistent with federal law. The  
9 legislature further finds and intends, by requiring safe school plans  
10 to be in place, that school districts will become eligible for  
11 federal assistance. The legislature further finds that schools are in  
12 a position to serve the community in the event of an emergency  
13 resulting from natural disasters or man-made disasters.

14       (2) Schools and school districts shall consider the guidance  
15 provided by the superintendent of public instruction, including the  
16 comprehensive school safety checklist and the model comprehensive  
17 safe school plans that include prevention, intervention, all hazard/  
18 crisis response, and postcrisis recovery, when developing their own  
19 individual comprehensive safe school plans. Each school district  
20 shall adopt, no later than September 1, 2008, and implement a safe

1 school plan consistent with the school mapping information system  
2 pursuant to RCW 36.28A.060. The plan shall:

3 (a) Include required school safety policies and procedures;

4 (b) Address emergency mitigation, preparedness, response, and  
5 recovery;

6 (c) Include provisions for assisting and communicating with  
7 students and staff, including those with special needs or  
8 disabilities;

9 (d) Use the training guidance provided by the Washington  
10 emergency management division of the state military department in  
11 collaboration with the Washington state office of the superintendent  
12 of public instruction school safety center and the school safety  
13 center advisory committee;

14 (e) Require the building principal to be certified on the  
15 incident command system;

16 (f) Take into account the manner in which the school facilities  
17 may be used as a community asset in the event of a community-wide  
18 emergency; and

19 (g) Set guidelines for requesting city or county law enforcement  
20 agencies, local fire departments, emergency service providers, and  
21 county emergency management agencies to meet with school districts  
22 and participate in safety-related drills.

23 (3) To the extent funds are available, school districts shall  
24 annually:

25 (a) Review and update safe school plans in collaboration with  
26 local emergency response agencies;

27 (b) Conduct an inventory of all hazardous materials;

28 (c) Update information on the school mapping information system  
29 to reflect current staffing and updated plans, including:

30 (i) Identifying all staff members who are trained on the national  
31 incident management system, trained on the incident command system,  
32 or are certified on the incident command system; and

33 (ii) Identifying school transportation procedures for evacuation,  
34 to include bus staging areas, evacuation routes, communication  
35 systems, parent-student reunification sites, and secondary  
36 transportation agreements consistent with the school mapping  
37 information system; and

38 (d) Provide information to all staff on the use of emergency  
39 supplies and notification and alert procedures.

1 (4) To the extent funds are available, school districts shall  
2 annually record and report on the information and activities required  
3 in subsection (3) of this section to the Washington association of  
4 sheriffs and police chiefs.

5 (5) School districts are encouraged to work with local emergency  
6 management agencies and other emergency responders to conduct one  
7 tabletop exercise, one functional exercise, and two full-scale  
8 exercises within a four-year period.

9 (6)(a) Due to geographic location, schools have unique safety  
10 challenges. It is the responsibility of school principals and  
11 administrators to assess the threats and hazards most likely to  
12 impact their school, and to practice three basic functional drills,  
13 shelter-in-place, lockdown, and evacuation, as these drills relate to  
14 those threats and hazards. Some threats or hazards may require the  
15 use of more than one basic functional drill.

16 (b) Schools shall conduct at least one safety-related drill per  
17 month, including summer months when school is in session with  
18 students. These drills must teach students three basic functional  
19 drill responses:

20 (i) "Shelter-in-place," used to limit the exposure of students  
21 and staff to hazardous materials, such as chemical, biological, or  
22 radiological contaminants, released into the environment by isolating  
23 the inside environment from the outside;

24 (ii) "Lockdown," used to isolate students and staff from threats  
25 of violence, such as suspicious trespassers or armed intruders, that  
26 may occur in a school or in the vicinity of a school; and

27 (iii) "Evacuation," used to move students and staff away from  
28 threats, such as fires, oil train spills, or tsunamis.

29 (c) The drills described in (b) of this subsection must  
30 incorporate the following requirements:

31 (i) Use of the school mapping information system in at least one  
32 of the safety-related drills; and

33 (ii) A pedestrian evacuation drill for schools in mapped tsunami  
34 hazard zones.

35 (d) The drills described in (b) of this subsection may  
36 incorporate an earthquake drill using the state-approved earthquake  
37 safety technique "drop, cover, and hold."

38 (e) Schools shall document the date, time, and type (shelter-in-  
39 place, lockdown, or evacuate) of each drill required under this  
40 subsection (6), and maintain the documentation in the school office.

1 (f) This subsection (6) is intended to satisfy all federal  
2 requirements for comprehensive school emergency drills and  
3 evacuations.

4 (7) Educational service districts are encouraged to apply for  
5 federal emergency response and crisis management grants with the  
6 assistance of the superintendent of public instruction and the  
7 Washington emergency management division of the state military  
8 department.

9 (8) The superintendent of public instruction may adopt rules to  
10 implement provisions of this section. These rules may include, but  
11 are not limited to, provisions for evacuations, lockdowns, or other  
12 components of a comprehensive safe school plan.

13 (9) (a) Whenever a first responder agency notifies a school of a  
14 situation that may necessitate an evacuation or lockdown, the agency  
15 must determine if other known schools in the vicinity are similarly  
16 threatened. The first responder agency must notify every other known  
17 school in the vicinity for which an evacuation or lockdown appears  
18 reasonably necessary to the agency's incident commander unless the  
19 agency is unable to notify schools due to duties directly tied to  
20 responding to the incident occurring. For purposes of this  
21 subsection, "school" includes a private school under chapter 28A.195  
22 RCW.

23 (b) A first responder agency and its officers, agents, and  
24 employees are not liable for any act, or failure to act, under this  
25 subsection unless a first responder agency and its officers, agents,  
26 and employees acted with willful disregard.

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