HOUSE BILL 1420

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1 AN ACT Relating to ensuring that critical school employees 2 receive priority for receipt of the COVID-19 vaccine; adding a new 3 section to chapter 70.54 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 70.54 6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Any criteria used by the state to allocate vaccine doses for
8 the COVID-19 virus must include the following persons in the category
9 of critical workers given first priority for receipt of the vaccine:

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(a) Public and private school teachers;

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(b) Classified on-site public school staff; and

12 (c) Private school employees who are the equivalent of classified13 on-site public school staff.

14 (2) This section supersedes any allocation criteria issued by the15 state prior to the effective date of this section.

16 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate 17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of

- 1 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
- 2 effect immediately.

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