

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5647

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Providing temporary employees necessary information about school safety policies and procedures.

Sponsors: Senators Torres, Conway, King, Lovelett, Wilson, C. and Wilson, J..

Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education
House Committee on Education

Background: Safe School Plans. Each school district must adopt and implement a safe school plan. The plan must include certain elements such as:

- required school safety policies and procedures;
- address emergency mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery; and
- provisions for assisting and communicating with students and staff.

School Safety Center. Subject to appropriations, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) must establish a School Safety Center that works in conjunction with regional school safety centers at each educational service district. The School Safety Center has certain duties including developing model school safety policies and procedures and identifying best practices in school safety.

Safety-Related Drills. Schools must conduct at least one safety-related drill per month. These drills must teach students three basic functional drill responses:

- shelter-in-place, used to limit the exposure of students and staff to hazardous materials;
- lockdown, used to isolate students and staff from threats of violence; and
- evacuation, used to move students and staff away from threats.

Schools must document the date, time, and type of each drill and maintain the documentation in the school office.

Summary: Safe school plans must include how substitute teachers and other temporary

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employees receive necessary information about safe school plans, including school safety policies and procedures and the three basic functional drill responses.

OSPI's School Safety Center must include how these temporary employees receive necessary information in model policies and procedures and best practices.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 46 0

House 95 0

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