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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing parents' bill of rights related
2 to their child's public education; adding new sections to chapter
3 28A.605 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.345 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.605
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) School districts and public schools must post online the
8 following assessment results:

9 (a) The reading and mathematics results of the national
10 assessment of educational progress by state and school district if
11 available; and

12 (b) The English language arts and mathematics results of the
13 smarter balanced assessments or any other statewide student
14 assessment.

15 (2) The assessment results must be posted on the home page or
16 landing page of each school district and public school website.

17 (3) For the purposes of this section, "public school" has the
18 same meaning as in RCW 28A.150.010.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.605
20 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) Parents and legal guardians with a child receiving a public
2 education have the following rights in addition to any other rights
3 provided by law:

4 (a) To have access to what their child is being taught in school
5 including, but not limited to, access to classroom and school
6 sponsored activities as described in RCW 28A.605.020, access to
7 curricula and instructional materials used within the curricula, and
8 access to these materials for review either online or through an
9 alternative method;

10 (b) To have information on who is teaching their child, including
11 guest speakers and presenters who are not employed by the public
12 school;

13 (c) To have access to the name and organization or affiliation of
14 the individuals and other entities that have curriculum-related
15 contracts with the school district or public school and are receiving
16 public funding and to have access to this information for review
17 online;

18 (d) To have access to and the ability to participate in regular
19 and special business meetings of school district board of directors
20 in accordance with the open public meetings act, chapter 42.30 RCW,
21 and may include the elements described in section 3 of this act; and

22 (e) To be communicated with regarding their child based on the
23 parent and legal guardian's preferences, which may be indicated
24 during the registration process.

25 (2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction and
26 public schools must post these rights online.

27 (3) All the information that must be available online must be
28 posted in a convenient place on each school district and public
29 school website and easy for parents and legal guardians to access and
30 review.

31 (4) For the purposes of this section, "public school" has the
32 same meaning as in RCW 28A.150.010.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.345
34 RCW to read as follows:

35 (1)(a) By September 1, 2023, the Washington state school
36 directors' association must update a model policy and procedure
37 regarding school board of directors meeting conduct, order of
38 business, and quorum.

39 (b) The updated model policy and procedure must:

1 (i) Provide for increased public observation and participation in
2 board meetings through real-time telephonic, electronic, internet, or
3 other readily available means of remote access to the meeting that
4 does not require an additional cost to access the meeting as
5 described in RCW 42.30.030;

6 (ii) Require an audio or video recording of, or to provide an
7 online streaming option for, all regular board meetings as described
8 in RCW 42.30.220; and

9 (iii) Make recordings of board meetings available online for a
10 minimum of six months as described in RCW 42.30.220.

11 (c) The Washington state school directors' association must
12 maintain the model policy and procedure on its website at no cost to
13 school districts.

14 (2) School districts are encouraged to amend their policies and
15 procedures to incorporate the elements of the updated model policy
16 and procedure described in subsection (1) of this section.

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