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By House Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Scott, Pollet, Doglio, Berry, Parshley, Obras, Goodman, Street, Macri, Taylor, Salahuddin, Ryu, and Hill)

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1 AN ACT Relating to supporting survivors of sexual assault in
2 public elementary and secondary schools; amending RCW 28A.400.317;
3 adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; adding a new section to
4 chapter 28A.640 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

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

8 To help meet the requirements of RCW 28A.400.317(2)(b), the
9 office of the superintendent of public instruction, by November 1,
10 2026, shall post on its website, and periodically update, staff
11 training materials on trauma-informed, survivor-centered responses to
12 disclosures of sexual abuse, misconduct, and assault, including best
13 practices for working with local community experts in sexual assault
14 and misconduct and child abuse prevention and response.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.400.317 and 2013 c 10 s 4 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (1) A certificated or classified school employee who has
18 knowledge or reasonable cause to believe that a student has been a
19 victim of physical or sexual abuse ~~((or))~~, sexual misconduct, or
20 assault by another school employee, shall report such abuse ~~((or))~~.

1 misconduct, or assault to the appropriate school administrator. The
2 school administrator shall cause a report to be made to the proper
3 law enforcement agency if he or she has reasonable cause to believe
4 that the misconduct (~~(or)~~), abuse, or assault has occurred as
5 required under RCW 26.44.030. During the process of making a
6 reasonable cause determination, the school administrator shall
7 contact all parties involved in the complaint.

8 (2) (a) Certificated and classified school employees shall receive
9 training regarding their reporting obligations under state law in
10 their orientation training when hired and then every three years
11 thereafter.

12 (b) The training required under this subsection must promote
13 trauma-informed and survivor-centered responses to sexual abuse,
14 misconduct, and assault, and must include bystander intervention
15 training of employee sexual abuse of students.

16 (c) The training required under this subsection may be
17 incorporated within existing training programs and related resources
18 and may use the staff training materials described in section 1 of
19 this act.

20 (3) Nothing in this section changes any of the duties established
21 under RCW 26.44.030.

22 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 28A.640
23 RCW to read as follows:

24 (1) By November 1, 2026, the office of the superintendent of
25 public instruction, in collaboration with the Washington state school
26 directors' association and local community experts in sexual assault
27 and misconduct and child abuse prevention and response, shall
28 develop, and periodically update, a student and family guide to the
29 school district sexual harassment policy required by RCW
30 28A.640.020(2) and other laws, policies, and procedures related to
31 sexual abuse, misconduct, and assault, and mandatory reporting of
32 child abuse or neglect under RCW 26.44.030.

33 (2) The student and family guide must:

34 (a) Be culturally informed; and

35 (b) Be translated into the most common non-English languages
36 spoken across the state in accordance with the model language access
37 policy and procedures as required under chapter 28A.183 RCW.

1 (3) School districts are encouraged to make the student and
2 family guide available to students and families, especially those
3 participating in the sexual harassment complaint process.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Section 2 of this act takes effect August
5 1, 2027.

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