
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5985

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By Senate Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Orwall, Frame, Saldaña, and Slatter)

READ FIRST TIME 01/29/26.

1 AN ACT Relating to endometriosis; creating new sections; and
2 providing expiration dates.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Beginning July 1, 2027, and by July 1,
5 2028, the University of Washington, in collaboration with Washington
6 State University and other relevant stakeholders including
7 individuals with direct lived experience with endometriosis, shall
8 identify and make available materials and resources regarding
9 endometriosis including information related to the awareness,
10 incidence, and prevalence of endometriosis. This online resource
11 center shall include, but is not limited to, best practices and
12 evidence-based information for:

13 (a) Detecting and diagnosing endometriosis;

14 (b) Providing care for individuals with endometriosis;

15 (c) Communicating with patients about endometriosis for health
16 care professionals, health care-related organizations, and health
17 systems; and

18 (d) Other related topics determined by the University of
19 Washington and Washington State University.

20 (2) The University of Washington shall update the online resource
21 center every three years and hold at least one stakeholder meeting

1 during the process of updating the materials and resources for the
2 online resource center.

3 (3) This section expires December 31, 2031.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The office of the superintendent of
5 public instruction shall incorporate information related to menstrual
6 health, including differentiating between typical menstrual
7 discomfort and severe symptoms that may require additional medical
8 attention such as endometriosis, when revising the health and
9 physical education state learning standards under RCW 28A.655.070.

10 (2) This section expires June 30, 2029.

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