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**SENATE BILL 6115**

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**By** Senators Cortes and Saldaña

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1 AN ACT Relating to comprehensive cancer education programs; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) Subject to amounts appropriated for this specific purpose,  
7 the department shall contract with a training entity to deliver age-  
8 appropriate comprehensive cancer education programs to students in  
9 grades six through 12. Each school district may voluntarily decide  
10 whether to offer the programs and which grades to include.

11 (2) The comprehensive cancer education programs shall be designed  
12 to be delivered in single sessions compatible with the normal length  
13 of a daily class period, typically 50 to 75 minutes long. Depending  
14 on the needs of each school district, to the extent practicable, the  
15 content must align with existing school health curricula and be  
16 adaptable to various formats, including assemblies for all students  
17 or specific grades, individual class sessions, or extended over  
18 multiple sessions. The program will provide age-appropriate  
19 information on cancer, covering topics such as cancer prevention,  
20 risk reduction, and available social and emotional resources.  
21 Additionally, the program must be designed to encourage supplemental

1 teacher education to extend content beyond the initial programming,  
2 and across multisubject disciplines.

3 (3) In selecting a training entity to contract with, the  
4 department shall select an entity with a demonstrated record of  
5 delivering comprehensive cancer education programs to youth in  
6 Washington, in both school settings and youth organizations, that  
7 address the topics of cancer prevention, cancer risk reduction, and  
8 available social and emotional resources. The training entity must be  
9 able to provide evidence of past performance, such as documented  
10 outcomes, testimonials, or case studies that show the effectiveness  
11 and impact of its programs.

12 (4) The department shall require the training entity to use the  
13 funds provided in this section to enhance and expand its  
14 comprehensive cancer education program in Washington. These funds are  
15 intended to supplement, not replace, current offerings, assuring the  
16 state is purchasing additional capacity to deliver:

17 (a) Additional programs beyond the number that the training  
18 entity provided in the 2023-24 academic calendar year;

19 (b) Programs across geographically diverse parts of the state;

20 (c) Programs in a manner that assures racial and ethnic diversity  
21 among the total number of students receiving the program; and

22 (d) Programs to Spanish-speaking students. Additional language  
23 options may be considered in the future.

24 (5) The selected training entity may contract with other persons  
25 or training entities, as necessary, to meet the demand for delivering  
26 the comprehensive cancer education program and to deliver the program  
27 in Spanish. These contracted entities must be held to the same  
28 standards as the selected training entity, presenting content,  
29 conducting evaluations, and collecting feedback from students and  
30 schools.

31 (6) (a) By December 1, 2027, the department must report to the  
32 governor and the legislature on the comprehensive cancer education  
33 programs offered under this section. The report must include:

34 (i) The total number of programs delivered by school district,  
35 including the geographic location of the schools where the programs  
36 were delivered;

37 (ii) Student participation information, including number,  
38 geographic location, age, and grade level;

39 (iii) The number of programs offered in Spanish and the number of  
40 participating students; and

1 (iv) Other relevant information and recommendations pertaining to  
2 the program.

3 (b) The selected training program must report information to the  
4 department as the department finds necessary to complete its  
5 reporting requirements.

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