
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6268

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By Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Harris, Dozier, and Nobles)

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1 AN ACT Relating to maintaining an online record of special
2 education complaint decisions; and amending RCW 28A.155.090.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.155.090 and 2023 c 436 s 2 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The superintendent of public instruction shall have the duty and
7 authority, through the administrative section or unit for the
8 education of children with disabilities, to:

9 (1) Assist school districts in the formation of programs to meet
10 the needs of children with disabilities;

11 (2) Develop interdistrict cooperation programs for children with
12 disabilities as authorized in RCW 28A.225.250;

13 (3) Provide, upon request, to parents or guardians of children
14 with disabilities, information as to the special education programs
15 for students with disabilities offered within the state;

16 (4) Assist, upon request, the parent or guardian of any child
17 with disabilities in the placement of any child with disabilities who
18 is eligible for but not receiving special educational services for
19 children with disabilities;

20 (5) Approve school district and agency programs as being eligible
21 for special excess cost financial aid to students with disabilities;

1 (6) Establish standards for authorizing, monitoring, and
2 investigating private schools approved by the state board of
3 education under RCW 28A.305.130, other private in-state entities, and
4 any out-of-state entities, that contract with school districts under
5 RCW 28A.155.060 to provide special education and related services to
6 children with disabilities. The standards must ensure that any
7 children with disabilities placed in authorized entities by school
8 districts have the same rights, protections, and access to special
9 education and related services that they would have if served by a
10 school district;

11 (7) Consistent with the provisions of RCW 28A.150.390,
12 28A.160.030, and 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.160, and part B of the
13 federal individuals with disabilities education improvement act,
14 administer administrative hearings and other procedures to ensure
15 procedural safeguards of children with disabilities;

16 (8) Maintain an online record of all final decisions issued in
17 response to special education community complaints. Each final
18 decision must be available in an online format and accessible to the
19 public at no charge for 20 years after the complaint is finalized.
20 If, at the effective date of this section, the office of the
21 superintendent of public instruction does not have a historical
22 record of community complaint decisions from the prior 20 years, it
23 must provide an online record of all final decisions for the longest
24 period of time available; and

25 ~~((8))~~ (9) Promulgate such rules as are necessary to implement
26 part B of the federal individuals with disabilities education
27 improvement act or other federal law providing for special education
28 services for children with disabilities and the several provisions of
29 RCW 28A.150.390, 28A.160.030, and 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.160 and
30 to ensure appropriate access to and participation in the general
31 education curriculum and participation in statewide assessments for
32 all students with disabilities.

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