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By Representative Sells

1 AN ACT Relating to bond authorization training for school
2 district boards of directors; adding a new section to chapter 28A.525
3 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that local school
6 district boards of directors have the authority to put capital bond
7 votes before their voters, but often lack the basic understanding of
8 legal requirements related to public works projects. Better informed
9 school boards of directors are likely to take greater responsibility
10 in selecting responsible contractors and enforcing public works legal
11 obligations. Better understanding of public works obligations and
12 opportunities may lead to lower overall project costs, more money
13 retained locally, and opportunities to develop a workforce pipeline
14 for family-wage jobs and careers within the community.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.525
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 (1) Prior to approving a bond authorization for voter
18 consideration, each school district board of directors shall receive
19 training on basic legal requirements and opportunities of public

1 sector capital projects. This training must include, but is not
2 limited to:

3 (a) Apprenticeship utilization requirements;

4 (b) Prevailing wage requirements; and

5 (c) The opportunity for school districts, general contractors,
6 and labor organizations to engage in project labor agreements and
7 community workforce agreements.

8 (2) School districts and education service districts are
9 encouraged to provide the required training under subsection (1) of
10 this section using a regional model with the assistance and materials
11 provided by the Washington state department of labor and industries,
12 labor organizations, and associations representing general
13 contractors.

14 (3) In partnership with the Washington state department of labor
15 and industries, labor organizations, and associations representing
16 general contractors, the Washington state school directors'
17 association shall draft model policies and frameworks that satisfy
18 the training requirements under this section.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect January 1, 2021.

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