
HOUSE BILL 2631

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By Representatives Ortiz-Self, Lovick, Frame, Entenman, and Dolan

1 AN ACT Relating to creating a family engagement framework;
2 creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) A work group is established to create
5 a family engagement framework for early learning through high school.

6 (2) At a minimum, the work group must review family engagement
7 policies and practices in Washington and in other states, with a
8 focus on identifying best practices that can be adopted throughout
9 Washington.

10 (3)(a) The members of the work group must represent the following
11 groups: The department of children, youth, and families; the office
12 of the superintendent of public instruction; the state board of
13 education; parents of children in the state early childhood education
14 and assistance program or the federal head start program; parents of
15 students in elementary or secondary school; parents of students who
16 are English learners, with at least one parent with a student in
17 preschool and at least one parent with a student in elementary or
18 secondary school; parents of students who are in special education;
19 parents of students in foster care; the office of the education
20 ombuds; the educational opportunity gap oversight and accountability
21 committee; the state commission on Asian Pacific American affairs;

1 the state commission on Hispanic affairs; the state commission on
2 African American affairs; the governor's office of Indian affairs;
3 the Washington state school directors' association; a state
4 organization of school principals; a state organization of teachers;
5 early childhood teachers; elementary and postsecondary teachers; and
6 a state organization representing school counselors.

7 (b) The members of the work group must elect cochairs. One of the
8 cochairs must be a parent and the other cochair must represent a
9 state agency.

10 (4) The work group must meet monthly.

11 (5) Staff support for the work group must be provided by the
12 office of the superintendent of public instruction and the department
13 of children, youth, and families.

14 (6) Members are not entitled to be reimbursed for meal or travel
15 expenses if they are elected officials or are participating on behalf
16 of an employer, governmental entity, or other organization. Any
17 reimbursement for other members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

18 (7) By November 1, 2021, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036,
19 the office of the superintendent of public instruction must report to
20 the appropriate committees of the legislature with a summary of the
21 activities of the work group and its recommendations for a family
22 engagement framework for early learning through high school.

23 (8) This section expires July 1, 2022.

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