SENATE BILL 6608

State	of	Washington	66th Legislature	2020	Regular	Session

By Senators Ericksen, Wagoner, Rivers, and Honeyford

1 AN ACT Relating to school choice; and adding a new section to 2 chapter 28A.150 RCW.

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

4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 28A.150 5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature acknowledges that parents are in the best 7 position to determine which school best meets their child's 8 educational needs. Parents need to be empowered to send their child 9 to their school of choice. The legislature declares that every parent 10 has a right to choose how and where his or her child is educated in 11 the state of Washington.

12 (2) The legislature intends to support parental school choice by 13 making state funding follow each child to the school of choice. 14 Schools include public schools, including charter schools, and 15 private schools.

16 (3) By September 1, 2020, the office of the superintendent of 17 public instruction must submit a report with recommendations to the 18 legislature on how to implement this section including necessary

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- 1 amendments to the state Constitution and any necessary statutory
- 2 changes.

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