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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1408**

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**State of Washington**

**64th Legislature**

**2015 Regular Session**

**By** House Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Ortiz-Self, Magendanz, Sawyer, Santos, Senn, Robinson, Orwall, Tarleton, Bergquist, and Gregerson)

1           AN ACT Relating to developing a definition and model for "family  
2 engagement coordinator" and other terms used interchangeably with it;  
3 creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

5           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.**   (1) The legislature finds that the terms  
6 "family engagement coordinator," "parent and family engagement  
7 coordinator," and "parent involvement coordinator" are used  
8 interchangeably in various statutes in Title 28A RCW, as well as in  
9 the omnibus appropriations act. The legislature further finds that  
10 this staff position is included in the prototypical school model and  
11 received funding in the 2013-2015 omnibus appropriations act. Despite  
12 this appropriate recognition of the critical importance of family  
13 engagement and the need for such a designated school staff position,  
14 there is no single definition of the term, nor is there a model or  
15 framework for the staff position. The legislature intends to task the  
16 office of the education ombuds and the educational opportunity gap  
17 oversight and accountability committee with developing a definition  
18 for the term and a model or framework for the position and  
19 recommending these to the legislature.

20           (2) By December 1, 2015, the office of the education ombuds,  
21 together with the educational opportunity gap oversight and

1 accountability committee, shall develop and recommend to the  
2 education committees of the legislature a definition for the term  
3 that is variously referred to as "family engagement coordinator,"  
4 "parent and family engagement coordinator," and "parent involvement  
5 coordinator" and a model or framework for such a staff position. In  
6 developing the model or framework for the staff position, the office  
7 and the committee shall collaborate with the office of the  
8 superintendent of public instruction, the Washington education  
9 association, the public school employees of Washington, the  
10 Washington school counselors' association, the association of  
11 Washington school principals, and the Washington state school  
12 directors' association.

13 (3) This section expires July 1, 2016.

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