
HOUSE BILL 2288

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating statutory authorization for school-
2 based health centers; adding a new section to chapter 28A.335 RCW;
3 and creating new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This act may be known and cited as the
6 school-based health center authorization act.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The legislature recognizes that school-
8 based health centers may be an important component of education for
9 common school students. Research has shown a link between access to
10 school-based health centers and better educational outcomes for
11 students including positive school climate, lower rates of
12 absenteeism and tardiness, reduced discipline referrals, better
13 supports for at-risk students, and increased likelihood that students
14 will seek mental health services. Establishing connections between
15 health care providers in the community and the local schools helps
16 increase access to health services for children and gives providers
17 perspectives on the health needs of students during the school day.
18 The legislature intends to give clear direction in law for agreements
19 between providers of health care services and school districts.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.335
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 Any school district in the state may enter into agreements with
4 health care providers to establish school-based health centers for
5 the provision of services exclusively to district students,
6 employees, and employees' dependents. The authorization to enter into
7 such agreements is limited and any agreement must include the
8 following provisions:

9 (1) The agreement must take the form of a lease of district
10 property to private or public health care providers for those
11 entities' provision of health care services;

12 (2) The maximum term of the lease and any and all renewal terms
13 is ten years;

14 (3) All lease renewals require mutual agreement of the parties;

15 (4) The lessees and any sublessees have sole responsibility for
16 all services, activities, and operations of the school-based health
17 center;

18 (5) The lease amount must be sufficient to reimburse the district
19 for any and all of its direct costs associated with the school-based
20 health center; and

21 (6) The district is not required to receive fair market value for
22 the leased area if it determines the school-based health center will
23 provide sufficient benefit to the district, its students, and staff.

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