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By Senators McAuliffe, Dammeier, Rolfes, Litzow, and Billig

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1 AN ACT Relating to a statewide plan for funding cost-effective  
2 methods for school safety; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300  
3 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that public  
6 schools are required to have safe school plans and procedures in  
7 place. The legislature acknowledges that there are costs associated  
8 with these plans and procedures. The legislature intends to review  
9 the funding of school safety and security programs and work toward a  
10 statewide plan for funding cost-effective methods for school safety  
11 that meet the needs of local school districts.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The Washington state institute for  
13 public policy shall complete an evaluation of how Washington and  
14 other states have addressed the funding of school safety and security  
15 programs and submit a report to the appropriate committees of the  
16 legislature, the governor, and the office of the superintendent of  
17 public instruction by December 1, 2017.

18 (2) This section expires August 1, 2018.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 28A.300  
2    RCW to read as follows:

3        (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction and  
4    the school safety advisory committee shall hold annual school safety  
5    summits. Each annual summit must focus on establishing and monitoring  
6    the progress of a statewide plan for funding cost-effective methods  
7    for school safety that meet local needs. Other areas of focus may  
8    include planning and implementation of school safety planning  
9    efforts, training of school safety professionals, and integrating  
10   mental health and security measures.

11       (2) Summit participants must be appointed no later than August 1,  
12   2016.

13       (a) The majority and minority leaders of the senate shall appoint  
14   two members from each of the relevant caucuses of the senate.

15       (b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint two  
16   members from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of  
17   representatives.

18       (c) The governor shall appoint one representative.

19       (3) Other summit participants may include representatives from  
20   the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the  
21   department of health, educational service districts, educational  
22   associations, emergency management, law enforcement, fire  
23   departments, parent organizations, and student organizations.

24       (4) Staff support for the annual summit shall be provided by the  
25   office of the superintendent of public instruction and the school  
26   safety advisory committee.

27       (5) Nonlegislative summit participants shall be reimbursed as  
28   provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. Legislative member summit  
29   participants shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance  
30   with RCW 44.04.120.

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