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- 1 AN ACT Relating to cost-effective methods for maintaining and
- 2 increasing school safety; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300
- 3 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.310 RCW; creating new
- 4 sections; and providing an expiration date.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 6 PART I
- 7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that public
- 8 schools are required to have safe school plans and procedures in
- 9 place. The legislature acknowledges that there are costs associated
- 10 with these plans and procedures. The legislature intends to review
- 11 the funding of school safety and security programs and work toward a
- 12 statewide plan for funding cost-effective methods for school safety
- 13 that meet the needs of local school districts.
- 14 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) The Washington state institute for
- 15 public policy shall complete an evaluation of how Washington and
- 16 other states have addressed the funding of school safety and security
- 17 programs and submit a report to the appropriate committees of the
- 18 legislature, the governor, and the office of the superintendent of
- 19 public instruction by December 1, 2017.

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

- (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the office of the superintendent of public instruction and the school safety advisory committee shall hold annual school safety summits. Each annual summit must focus on establishing and monitoring the progress of a statewide plan for funding cost-effective methods for school safety that meet local needs. Other areas of focus may include planning and implementation of school safety planning efforts, training of school safety professionals, and integrating mental health and security measures.
- 13 (2) Summit participants must be appointed no later than August 1, 14 2016.
- 15 (a) The majority and minority leaders of the senate shall appoint 16 two members from each of the relevant caucuses of the senate.
- 17 (b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint two 18 members from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of 19 representatives.
 - (c) The governor shall appoint one representative.
- 21 (3) Other summit participants may include representatives from 22 the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the 23 department of health, educational service districts, educational 24 associations, emergency management, law enforcement, fire 25 departments, parent organizations, and student organizations.
 - (4) Staff support for the annual summit shall be provided by the office of the superintendent of public instruction and the school safety advisory committee.
 - (5) Legislative members of the summit are reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer, governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. (1) In order to foster a school climate that promotes safety and security, school district staff should receive proper training in developing students' social and emotional skills. The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall

- 1 create and maintain an online social and emotional training module for educators, administrators, and other school district staff. The 2 module must be available by September 1, 2017. 3
- (2) The training module must be based on the recommendations of 4 the office of the superintendent of public instruction's 2016 report 5 6 on comprehensive benchmarks for developmentally appropriate 7 interpersonal and decision-making knowledge and skills of social and emotional learning. The module must promote students' self-awareness, 8 self-management, social-awareness, relationships, and responsible 9 decision making. 10

11 PART II

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- Sec. 5. The legislature finds that school 12 NEW SECTION. personnel are often the first responders when there is a violent 13 14 threat or natural or man-made disaster at a school. The legislature further finds there is a need to develop training for school 15 personnel to intervene and provide assistance during these emergency 16 incidents. The legislature recognizes an educational service district 17 has developed a model for a regional school safety and security 18 19 center, which can provide this type of training.
- 20 Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 28A.310 NEW SECTION. 21 RCW to read as follows:
 - (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, educational service districts may implement a regional school safety and security program modeled after the educational service district that has developed a regional school safety and security center.
 - (2) The programs should include the following components:
 - (a) Establishment of a network of school safety coordinators for the educational service districts, which shall focus on prevention planning, intervention, mitigation, crisis response, and community recovery regarding emergency incidents in schools;
 - (b) Collaboration with the educational service district that developed the model for a regional school safety and security center to adopt its model for a regional school safety and security center;
- 35 Creation of technology-based systems that enable efficient and effective communication between schools and emergency

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response entities, including local law enforcement, local fire department, and state and federal responders;

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- (d) Provision of technology support to improve communication and data management between schools and emergency response entities;
- (e) Ongoing training of school personnel and emergency responders to establish a system for preventative identification, intervention strategies, and management of risk behaviors;
- 8 (f) Development of a professional development to train school 9 personnel as first responders until the arrival of emergency 10 responders; and
- 11 (g) Building collaborative relationships between other 12 educational service districts, the office of the superintendent of 13 public instruction, and the school safety advisory committee.

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