

HB 1760 / SB 5688

An Act Relating to Providing Students with Skills that Promote Mental Health and Well-Being and Increase Academic Performance

Lead Sponsors: Representative Tana Senn and Senator Steve Litzow

Why students need this bill

Too many Washington students experience bullying, depression, abuse and trauma, which interferes with their ability to learn, pay attention, and exhibit positive behaviors that contribute to success in school and life.

Why schools want this bill

Schools and teachers need tools to substantially improve student engagement in learning, increase academic achievement, close the opportunity gap, and improve the school experience for all students.

What does the bill do?

HB 1760 / SB 5688 increases system-wide capacity to implement social emotional learning by investing in school-wide efforts that benefit all students. A work group will be convened by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to make recommendations for creating a social emotional learning framework including:

- Comprehensive K-12 social emotional learning benchmarks that include competencies for self management, self awareness, social awareness, healthy relationship skills, and responsible decision making
- Guidance for districts, schools, and educators on best-practices in promoting social emotional learning
- Technical advice regarding the connection between social emotional learning and the school climate and safety aspects of current principal and teacher evaluations
- An implementation plan for incorporating the social emotional learning within current education initiatives

Supporters of HB 1760 / SB 5688

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