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By Representatives Wallace, Morrell, Kelley, Nelson, Loomis, Green, Barlow, Conway, Simpson, Hurst, Darneille, and Lantz; by request of Governor Gregoire

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1 AN ACT Relating to campus safety and security; amending RCW
2 28B.10.569; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.10.569 and 1990 c 288 s 7 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Each institution of higher education with a commissioned police
7 force shall report to the Washington association of sheriffs and police
8 chiefs or its successor agency, on a monthly basis, crime statistics
9 for the Washington state uniform crime report, in the format required
10 by the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, or its
11 successor agency. Institutions of higher education which do not have
12 commissioned police forces shall report crime statistics through
13 appropriate local law enforcement agencies.

14 (2) Each institution of higher education shall publish and
15 distribute a report which shall be updated annually and which shall
16 include the crime statistics as reported under subsection (1) of this
17 section for the most recent three-year period. Upon request, the
18 institution shall provide the report to every person who submits an
19 application for admission to either a main or branch campus, and to

1 each new employee at the time of employment. In its acknowledgment of
2 receipt of the formal application for admission, the institution shall
3 notify the applicant of the availability of such information. The
4 information also shall be provided on an annual basis to all students
5 and employees. Institutions with more than one campus shall provide
6 the required information on a campus-by-campus basis.

7 (3)(a) Within existing resources, each institution of higher
8 education shall provide to ~~((every new student and new employee))~~ all
9 students, faculty, and staff, and upon request to other interested
10 persons, ~~((information which follows the general categories for safety~~
11 policies and procedures outlined in this section. Such categories
12 shall, at a minimum, include)) a campus safety plan that includes, at
13 a minimum, the following:

14 (i) Data Regarding:

15 (A) Campus enrollments((τ));

16 (B) Campus nonstudent workforce profile((τ)); and

17 (C) The number ~~((and duties))~~ of campus security personnel((τ));

18 (ii) Policies, procedures, and programs:

19 (A) For preventing and responding to violence and other campus
20 emergencies;

21 (B) Governing weapons on campus, including their storage;

22 (C) Applying to controlled substances as defined in RCW 64.44.010;
23 and

24 (D) Governing and related to student privacy;

25 (iii) Information about:

26 (A) Sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking, including
27 contact information for campus and community victim advocates,
28 information on where to view campus policies on complaints, and the
29 name and contact information of the individual or office to whom
30 students and employees may direct complaints of sexual assault,
31 stalking, or domestic violence; and

32 (B) Sexual harassment, including contact information for campus and
33 community victim advocates, information on where to view campus
34 policies on complaints, and the name and contact information of the
35 individual or office to whom students and employees may direct
36 complaints of sexual harassment;

37 (iv) Descriptions of:

38 (A) The duties of campus security personnel;

1 (B) Security and mutual assistance arrangements with state and
2 local police~~((, sexual assault and domestic violence and policies on~~
3 ~~controlled substances))~~;

4 (C) Methods and options that persons with disabilities or special
5 needs have to access services and programs;

6 (D) Escort and transportation services that provide for individual
7 security;

8 (E) Mental health and counseling services available to students,
9 faculty, and staff;

10 (F) Emergency management plans, including procedures for
11 communicating with students, faculty, staff, the public, and the media,
12 following natural and man-made emergencies.

13 ~~((Information))~~ (b) The campus safety plan shall include, for the
14 most recent academic year ~~((also shall include))~~;

15 (i) A description of ~~((any))~~ programs and services offered by ~~((an~~
16 ~~institution's student affairs or services department, and by student~~
17 ~~government—organizations—regarding))~~ the institution and
18 student-sponsored organizations that provide for crime prevention and
19 counseling~~((, including a directory))~~. The description must include a
20 listing of the available services ~~((and appropriate telephone numbers~~
21 ~~and physical locations of these services. In addition))~~, the service
22 locations, and how the services may be contacted; and

23 (ii) For institutions maintaining student housing facilities
24 ~~((shall include))~~, information detailing security policies and programs
25 for those facilities.

26 (c)(i) Institutions with a main campus and one or more branch
27 campuses shall provide the information on a campus-by-campus basis.

28 ~~((In the case of))~~ (ii) Community and technical colleges~~((,~~
29 ~~colleges))~~ shall provide such information ~~((to))~~ for the main campuses
30 only, and shall provide reasonable alternative information ~~((at))~~ for
31 any off-campus centers and ~~((other))~~ affiliated college sites enrolling
32 less than one hundred students.

33 (4)(a) Each institution shall enter into memoranda of understanding
34 that set forth responsibilities for the various local jurisdictions in
35 the event of a campus emergency.

36 (b) Each institution shall enter into mutual aid agreements with
37 local jurisdictions regarding the shared use of equipment and
38 technology in the event of a campus emergency.

1 (c) Memoranda of understanding and mutual aid agreements shall be
2 updated and included in campus safety plans.

3 (5)(a) Each institution shall establish a task force ((which
4 shall)) that annually examines campus security and safety issues.
5 ((The task force shall review the report published and distributed
6 pursuant to this section in order to ensure the accuracy and
7 effectiveness of the report, and make any suggestions for improvement.
8 This)) Each task force shall include representation from the
9 institution's administration, faculty, staff, recognized student
10 organization, and police or security organization.

11 (b) Each task force shall review the safety plan published and
12 distributed under this section for its respective institution, in order
13 to ensure its accuracy and effectiveness and to make any suggestions
14 for improvement.

15 (6) The president of each institution shall designate a specific
16 staff person responsible for monitoring and coordinating the
17 institution's compliance with this section.

18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW
19 to read as follows:

20 (1) Each institution of higher education shall take the following
21 actions:

22 (a) By September 30, 2008, submit a self-study assessing its
23 ability to ensure the safety of students, faculty, staff,
24 administration, and visitors on each campus, including an evaluation of
25 the effectiveness of these measures. Four-year institutions shall
26 submit their studies to the higher education coordinating board.
27 Community and technical colleges shall submit their studies to the
28 state board for community and technical colleges.

29 (b) By November 30, 2008, submit a plan to address the unmet safety
30 and security needs of each campus, including identification of those
31 areas that need to be addressed, including a timetable to make
32 satisfactory progress in addressing those unmet needs. Four-year
33 institutions shall submit their studies to the higher education
34 coordinating board. Community and technical colleges shall submit
35 their studies to the state board for community and technical colleges.

36 (c) By October 30th of each even-numbered year, beginning in 2010,
37 each institution shall submit an update to its plan, including an

1 assessment of the results of activities undertaken under any previous
2 year's plan to address unmet safety and security issues, and additional
3 activities, or modifications of current activities, to be undertaken to
4 address remaining safety and security issues at the institution.

5 (2) The higher education coordinating board and the state board for
6 community and technical colleges shall report biennially, beginning
7 December 31, 2010, to the governor and the higher education committees
8 of the house of representatives and the senate on:

9 (a) The efforts of each institution and the extent to which it has
10 complied with RCW 28B.10.569 and subsection (1)(c) of this section; and

11 (b) Recommendations on measures to assist institutions to ensure
12 and enhance campus safety and security.

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