
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5229

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By Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Hobbs, Franklin, Tom, King, Pridemore, Kohl-Welles, Jacobsen, Kilmer, and Shin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the legislative youth advisory council; amending
2 RCW 28A.300.801; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.300.801 and 2007 c 291 s 2 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The legislative youth advisory council is established to
7 examine issues of importance to youth, including but not limited to
8 education, employment, strategies to increase youth participation in
9 state and municipal government, safe environments for youth, substance
10 abuse, emotional and physical health, foster care, poverty,
11 homelessness, and youth access to services on a statewide and municipal
12 basis.

13 (2) The council consists of twenty-two members as provided in this
14 subsection who, at the time of appointment, are aged fourteen to
15 eighteen. The council shall select a chair from among its members.

16 (3) Except for initial members, members shall serve two-year terms,
17 and if eligible, may be reappointed for subsequent two-year terms.
18 One-half of the initial members shall be appointed to one-year terms,

1 and these appointments shall be made in such a way as to preserve
2 overall representation on the committee.

3 (4)(a) By July 2, 2007, and annually thereafter, students may apply
4 to be considered for participation in the program by completing an
5 online application form and submitting the application to the
6 legislative youth advisory council. The council may develop selection
7 criteria and an application review process. The council shall
8 recommend candidates whose names will be submitted to the office of the
9 lieutenant governor for final selection. Beginning with the effective
10 date of this act, the office of the lieutenant governor shall notify
11 all applicants of the final selections using existing staff and
12 resources.

13 (b) Within existing staff and resources, the office of the
14 lieutenant governor shall make the application available on the
15 lieutenant governor's web site.

16 (5) If the council has sufficient funds from any source, then the
17 council shall have the following duties:

18 (a) Advising the legislature on proposed and pending legislation,
19 including state budget expenditures and policy matters relating to
20 youth;

21 (b) Advising the standing committees of the legislature and study
22 commissions, committees, and task forces regarding issues relating to
23 youth;

24 (c) Conducting periodic seminars for its members regarding
25 leadership, government, and the legislature;

26 (d) Accepting and soliciting for grants and donations from public
27 and private sources to support the activities of the council; and

28 (e) Reporting annually by December 1st to the legislature on its
29 activities, including proposed legislation that implements
30 recommendations of the council.

31 (6) If the council has sufficient funds from any source, then in
32 carrying out its duties under this section, the council may meet at
33 least three times but not more than six times per year. The council
34 shall consider conducting at least some of the meetings via the K-20
35 telecommunications network. ((Councils—are)) The council is
36 encouraged to invite local state legislators to participate in the
37 meetings. The council is encouraged to poll other students in order to

1 get a broad perspective on the various issues. The council is
2 encouraged to use technology to conduct the polling, including the
3 council's web site, if the council has a web site.

4 (7) If the council has sufficient funds from any source, then
5 members shall be reimbursed as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

6 (8) Beginning with the effective date of this act, the office of
7 superintendent of public instruction shall provide administration,
8 coordination, and facilitation assistance to the council within
9 existing staff and resources. The senate and house of representatives
10 may provide policy and fiscal briefings and assistance with drafting
11 proposed legislation. The senate and the house of representatives
12 shall each develop internal policies relating to staff assistance
13 provided to the council. Such policies may include applicable internal
14 personnel and practices guidelines, resource use and expense
15 reimbursement guidelines, and applicable ethics mandates. Provision of
16 funds, resources, and staff, as well as the assignment and direction of
17 staff, remains at all times within the sole discretion of the chamber
18 making the provision.

19 (9) The office of the lieutenant governor, the office of (~~the~~)
20 the superintendent of public instruction, the legislature, any agency
21 of the legislature, and any official or employee of such office or
22 agency are immune from liability for any injury that is incurred by or
23 caused by a member of the youth advisory council and that occurs while
24 the member of the council is performing duties of the council or is
25 otherwise engaged in activities or receiving services for which
26 reimbursement is allowed under subsection (7) of this section. The
27 immunity provided by this subsection does not apply to an injury
28 intentionally caused by the act or omission of an employee or official
29 of the superintendent of public instruction or the legislature or any
30 agency of the legislature.

31 (~~(10) This section expires June 30, 2009.~~)

32 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate
33 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
34 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
35 immediately.

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