
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5605

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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting alcohol and drug use in state-owned
2 college or university residences; adding a new section to chapter
3 28B.10 RCW; creating new sections; and prescribing penalties.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The state makes a substantial investment of
6 finances and resources in students who are attending state institutions
7 of higher education. In exchange, students are expected to actively
8 pursue their education and contribute to an academic environment that
9 is conducive to learning. Students who abuse liquor and drugs,
10 however, are unable to make full use of this educational opportunity.
11 More important, students who abuse liquor and drugs create an
12 environment that interferes with the ability of other students to
13 pursue their education. This is especially true in university-owned
14 student housing where liquor and drug abuse contribute to noise,
15 vandalism, theft, and violence. While the universities and colleges
16 may not be able to stop all liquor and drug abuse among student
17 populations, the very least they can do is ensure that the vast
18 majority of students without drug or liquor problems are provided with

1 a living environment that is safe and conducive to the pursuit of
2 higher education.

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

5 (1) Each public institution of higher education shall notify all
6 students applying for college or university-owned student housing of
7 the availability of housing in an area in which all liquor use is
8 prohibited.

9 (2) Each public institution of higher education, upon request,
10 shall provide students access to student housing on a residence hall
11 floor, designated area, or in a building where liquor use is
12 prohibited.

13 (3) Each public institution shall have in place, and distribute to
14 students in college or university-owned student housing, a process for
15 reporting violations and complaints of liquor and illegal drug use.

16 (4) Each public institution shall have in place, distribute to
17 students, and vigorously enforce policies and procedures for
18 investigating complaints regarding liquor and illegal drug use in
19 college or university-owned student housing, including the sanctions
20 that may be applied for violations of the institution's liquor and
21 illegal drug use policies.

22 (5) Students who violate the institution's liquor and illegal drug
23 use policies are subject to disciplinary action. Sanctions that may be
24 applied for violations of the institution's liquor or illegal drug use
25 policies include warnings, restitution for property damage, probation,
26 expulsion from college or university-owned housing, and suspension from
27 the institution.

28 (6) As used in this section:

29 (a) "Liquor" has the meaning in RCW 66.04.010; and

30 (b) "Illegal drug use" refers to the unlawful use of controlled
31 substances under chapter 69.50 RCW or legend drugs under chapter 69.41
32 RCW.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** By December 1, 1996, each institution of
34 higher education that has state-owned college or university student
35 housing shall report to the house of representatives and senate higher
36 education committees of the legislature on the following:

- 1 (1) Policies governing liquor and illegal drug use and abuse in
2 college and university-owned student housing;
- 3 (2) Aggregate information on reported violations and actions taken
4 to address those violations;
- 5 (3) Efforts taken by institutions to prevent the use of, and
6 educate students on the effect of, liquor and illegal drugs; and
- 7 (4) Copies of the drug free schools and community act biennial
8 review required by the secretary of education, United States department
9 of education.

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