
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5428

State of Washington

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By Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Wilson, L., Palumbo, Becker, Brown, Wagoner, Warnick, Nguyen, and Zeiger)

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1 AN ACT Relating to veterans' mental health services at
2 institutions of higher education; and adding a new section to chapter
3 28B.10 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 Subject to the appropriation of funds for this specific purpose,
8 the state universities, regional universities, and the state college
9 shall each employ at least one full-time mental health counselor
10 licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW who has experience and training
11 specifically related to working with active members of the military
12 or military veterans. The counselor must prioritize work with student
13 veterans. Each institution's veteran resource center must make
14 available information about mental health services offered by other
15 agencies for veterans and the spouses and dependents of veterans. The
16 mental health counselor must be accessible through, but not
17 necessarily located in, each institution's veteran resource center.

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