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SENATE BILL 5525

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By Senators Wilson, Palumbo, Cleveland, Baumgartner, Zeiger, O'Ban, Llias, Frockt, Schoesler, Hobbs, Kuderer, Conway, and Bailey

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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 working with  
11 active members of the military or military veterans, to work with  
12 student, faculty, and staff veterans, as well as their spouses and  
13 dependents, through each institution's veteran resource center.

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