
SENATE BILL 6189

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By Senators Amondson, von Reichbauer, Owen, McDonald and Johnson

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1 AN ACT Relating to crime and safety at institutions of higher
2 education; amending RCW 28B.10.550 and 28B.10.555; and creating a new
3 section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature declares that providing
6 for the safety of students, faculty, and staff is a primary
7 responsibility of the governing boards and administrations of our state
8 colleges and universities. The legislature directs the state
9 institutions of higher education to take all action reasonable and
10 necessary to provide for the safety of students, faculty, and staff on
11 the state campuses.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.10.550 and 1977 ex.s. c 169 s 24 are each amended
13 to read as follows:

1 The boards of regents of the state universities, and the boards of
2 trustees of the regional universities or of The Evergreen State
3 College, acting independently and each on behalf of its own
4 institution:

5 (1) (~~May~~) Shall each establish a fully commissioned police force
6 for its own institution, which force shall function under such
7 conditions and regulations as the board prescribes; (~~and~~)

8 (2) (~~May~~) Shall supply appropriate badges and uniforms indicating
9 the positions and authority of the members of such police force; and

10 (3) Shall direct the president of the college or university, or the
11 president's designee, to be responsible for ensuring adequate law
12 enforcement at branch campuses of the institution: PROVIDED, That this
13 section shall not be construed to require resident police forces at
14 branch campuses of the state colleges or universities.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.10.555 and 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28B.10.555 are each
16 amended to read as follows:

17 The members of a police force established under authority of RCW
18 28B.10.550, when appointed and duly sworn:

19 (1) Shall be general authority peace officers of the state as
20 defined in chapter 10.93 RCW and have such police powers as are vested
21 in sheriffs and peace officers generally under the laws of this state;
22 and

23 (2) May exercise such powers upon state lands devoted mainly to the
24 educational or research activities of the institution to which they
25 were appointed; (~~and~~)

26 (3) Shall have power to pursue and arrest beyond the limits of such
27 state lands, if necessary, all or any violators of the rules or
28 regulations herein provided for; and

1 (4) Shall be subject to the education and training requirements for
2 law enforcement personnel established under chapter 43.101 RCW.