
SENATE BILL 5075

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By Senators Winsley, Fraser and Erwin

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1 AN ACT Relating to hazing at state and independent institutions of
2 higher education; adding new sections to chapter 28B.10 RCW; and
3 prescribing penalties.

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 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 As used in sections 2 and 3 of this act, "hazing" includes any
8 method of initiation into a student organization or living group, or
9 any pastime or amusement engaged in with respect to such an
10 organization or living group that causes, or is likely to cause, bodily
11 danger or physical harm to any student or other person attending a
12 public or private institution of higher education or other
13 postsecondary educational institution in this state. The term "hazing"
14 does not include customary athletic events or other similar contests or
15 competitions.

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

1 No student, or other person in attendance at any public or private
2 institution of higher education, or any other postsecondary educational
3 institution, may conspire to engage in hazing, participate in hazing,
4 or commit an act that injures, degrades, or disgraces, or tends to
5 injure, degrade, or disgrace any fellow student or person attending the
6 institution.

7 A violation of this section is a misdemeanor, punishable under RCW
8 9.92.030, by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or
9 imprisonment in the county jail for not more than ninety days, or both.

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

12 A person who participates in the hazing of another, or any
13 organization, association, or student living group that knowingly
14 permits hazing to be conducted by its members or by others subject to
15 its direction or control, shall forfeit any entitlement to public
16 funds, scholarships, or awards and shall be deprived of any sanction,
17 official recognition, or approval granted by a public institution of
18 higher education.

19 The public institutions of higher education shall adopt rules to
20 implement this section.

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