

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5075**

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53rd Legislature  
1993 Regular Session

HAZING PROHIBITED

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/25/93

Passed by the Senate April 17, 1993  
YEAS 38 NAYS 2

JOEL PRITCHARD

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 13, 1993  
YEAS 98 NAYS 0

BRIAN EBERSOLE

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved May 18, 1993

MIKE LOWRY

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5075** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MARTY BROWN

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by  
Senators Winsley, Fraser and Erwin)

Read first time 02/17/93.

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, or serious mental or emotional harm, to any  
12 student or other person attending a public or private institution of  
13 higher education or other postsecondary educational institution in this  
14 state. "Hazing" does not include customary athletic events or other  
15 similar contests or competitions.

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

1 (1) No student, or other person in attendance at any public or  
2 private institution of higher education, or any other postsecondary  
3 educational institution, may conspire to engage in hazing or  
4 participate in hazing of another.

5 (2) A violation of this section is a misdemeanor, punishable as  
6 provided under RCW 9A.20.021.

7 (3) Any organization, association, or student living group that  
8 knowingly permits hazing is strictly liable for harm caused to persons  
9 or property resulting from hazing. If the organization, association,  
10 or student living group is a corporation whether for profit or  
11 nonprofit, the individual directors of the corporation may be held  
12 individually liable for damages.

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

15 (1) A person who participates in the hazing of another shall  
16 forfeit any entitlement to state-funded grants, scholarships, or awards  
17 for a period of time determined by the institution of higher education.

18 (2) Any organization, association, or student living group that  
19 knowingly permits hazing to be conducted by its members or by others  
20 subject to its direction or control shall be deprived of any official  
21 recognition or approval granted by a public institution of higher  
22 education.

23 (3) The public institutions of higher education shall adopt rules  
24 to implement this section.

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

27 Institutions of higher education shall adopt rules providing  
28 sanctions for conduct associated with initiation into a student  
29 organization or living group, or any pastime or amusement engaged in  
30 with respect to an organization or living group not amounting to a  
31 violation of section 1 of this act. Conduct covered by this section  
32 may include embarrassment, ridicule, sleep deprivation, verbal abuse,  
33 or personal humiliation.

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Passed the House April 13, 1993.

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