
SENATE BILL 6536

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By Senators Jacobsen and Benton

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1 AN ACT Relating to the legislative youth advisory council; and
2 amending RCW 28A.300.801.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.300.801 and 2005 c 355 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The legislative youth advisory council is established to
7 examine issues of importance to youth, including but not limited to
8 education, employment, strategies to increase youth participation in
9 state and municipal government, safe environments for youth, substance
10 abuse, emotional and physical health, foster care, poverty,
11 homelessness, and youth access to services on a statewide and municipal
12 basis.

13 (2) The council consists of twenty-two members as provided in this
14 subsection who, at the time of appointment, are aged (~~fourteen~~)
15 twelve to eighteen. The council shall select a chair from among its
16 members.

17 (a) Five members shall be selected by each of the two major
18 caucuses in the senate, appointed by the secretary of the senate.

1 (b) Five members shall be selected by each of the two major
2 caucuses in the house of representatives, appointed by the chief clerk
3 of the house of representatives.

4 (c) The governor shall appoint two members.

5 (3) Except for initial members, members shall serve two-year terms,
6 and if eligible, may be reappointed for subsequent two-year terms.
7 One-half of the initial members shall be appointed to one-year terms,
8 and these appointments shall be made in such a way as to preserve
9 overall representation on the committee.

10 (4) The council shall have the following duties:

11 (a) Advising the legislature on proposed and pending legislation,
12 including state budget expenditures and policy matters relating to
13 youth;

14 (b) Advising the standing committees of the legislature and study
15 commissions, committees, and task forces regarding issues relating to
16 youth;

17 (c) Conducting periodic seminars for its members regarding
18 leadership, government, and the legislature; and

19 (d) Reporting annually by December 1 to the legislature on its
20 activities, including proposed legislation that implements
21 recommendations of the council.

22 (5) In carrying out its duties under subsection (4) of this
23 section, the council may meet at least three times but not more than
24 six times per year, including not more than two public hearings on
25 issues of importance to youth.

26 (6) Members shall be reimbursed as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and
27 43.03.060.

28 (7) The office of superintendent of public instruction shall
29 provide administration, coordination, and facilitation assistance to
30 the council. The senate and house of representatives may provide
31 policy and fiscal briefings and assistance with drafting proposed
32 legislation. The senate and the house of representatives shall each
33 develop internal policies relating to staff assistance provided to the
34 council. Such policies may include applicable internal personnel and
35 practices guidelines, resource use and expense reimbursement
36 guidelines, and applicable ethics mandates. Provision of funds,
37 resources, and staff, as well as the assignment and direction of staff,

1 remains at all times within the sole discretion of the chamber making
2 the provision.

3 (8) The office of superintendent of public instruction, the
4 legislature, any agency of the legislature, and any official or
5 employee of such office or agency are immune from liability for any
6 injury that is incurred by or caused by a member of the youth advisory
7 council and that occurs while the member of the council is performing
8 duties of the council or is otherwise engaged in activities or
9 receiving services for which reimbursement is allowed under subsection
10 (6) of this section. The immunity provided by this subsection does not
11 apply to an injury intentionally caused by the act or omission of an
12 employee or official of the superintendent of public instruction or the
13 legislature or any agency of the legislature.

14 (~~(9) This section expires June 30, 2007.~~)

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