

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5254**

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**President of the Senate**

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FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved May 10, 2005.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5254** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

**Secretary**

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**By** Senators Jacobsen, Rasmussen, Franklin, McAuliffe and Kohl-Welles

Read first time 01/19/2005.      Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

1            AN ACT Relating to a legislative youth advisory council; and adding  
2 a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300  
5 RCW to 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 to  
15 eighteen. The council shall select a chair from among its members.

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

18            (b) Five members shall be selected by each of the two major

1 caucuses in the house of representatives, appointed by the chief clerk  
2 of the house of representatives.

3 (c) The governor shall appoint two members.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12           (9) This section expires June 30, 2007.

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