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**SENATE BILL 6487**

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**By** Senators Liias, Saldaña, and Wilson, C.; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

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1 AN ACT Relating to the legislative youth advisory council;  
2 amending RCW 28A.300.801; adding a new section to chapter 43.15 RCW;  
3 and recodifying RCW 28A.300.801.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.300.801 and 2009 c 410 s 1 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

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

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

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

1 (4) (a) By July 2, 2007, and annually thereafter, students may  
2 apply to be considered for participation in the program by completing  
3 an online application form and submitting the application to the  
4 legislative youth advisory council. The council may develop selection  
5 criteria and an application review process. The council shall  
6 recommend candidates whose names will be submitted to the office of  
7 the lieutenant governor for final selection. (~~Beginning May 7,~~  
8 ~~2009,~~) The office of the lieutenant governor shall notify all  
9 applicants of the final selections using existing staff and  
10 resources.

11 (b) Within existing staff and resources, the office of the  
12 lieutenant governor shall make the application available on the  
13 lieutenant governor's web site.

14 (5) If the council has sufficient funds from any source, then the  
15 council shall have the following duties:

16 (a) Advising the legislature on proposed and pending legislation,  
17 including state budget expenditures and policy matters relating to  
18 youth;

19 (b) Advising the standing committees of the legislature and study  
20 commissions, committees, and task forces regarding issues relating to  
21 youth;

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

24 (d) Accepting and soliciting for grants and donations from public  
25 and private sources to support the activities of the council; and

26 (e) Reporting annually by December 1st to the legislature on its  
27 activities, including proposed legislation that implements  
28 recommendations of the council.

29 (6) If the council has sufficient funds from any source, then in  
30 carrying out its duties under this section, the council may meet at  
31 least three times but not more than six times per year. (~~The council~~  
32 ~~shall consider conducting at least some of the meetings via the K-20~~  
33 ~~telecommunications network.~~) The council is encouraged to invite  
34 local state legislators to participate in the meetings. The council  
35 is encouraged to poll other students in order to get a broad  
36 perspective on the various issues. The council is encouraged to use  
37 technology to conduct the polling, including the council's web site,  
38 if the council has a web site.

1 (7) If the council has sufficient funds from any source, then  
2 members shall be reimbursed as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and  
3 43.03.060.

4 (8) If sufficient funds are available from any source,  
5 (~~beginning with May 7, 2009,~~) the office of (~~superintendent of~~  
6 ~~public instruction~~) the lieutenant governor shall provide  
7 administration, coordination, and facilitation assistance to the  
8 council. The senate and house of representatives may provide policy  
9 and fiscal briefings and assistance with drafting proposed  
10 legislation. The senate and the house of representatives shall each  
11 develop internal policies relating to staff assistance provided to  
12 the council. Such policies may include applicable internal personnel  
13 and practices guidelines, resource use and expense reimbursement  
14 guidelines, and applicable ethics mandates. Provision of funds,  
15 resources, and staff, as well as the assignment and direction of  
16 staff, remains at all times within the sole discretion of the chamber  
17 making the provision.

18 (9) The office of the lieutenant governor, (~~the office of the~~  
19 ~~superintendent of public instruction,~~) the legislature, any agency  
20 of the legislature, and any official or employee of such office or  
21 agency are immune from liability for any injury that is incurred by  
22 or caused by a member of the legislative youth advisory council and  
23 that occurs while the member of the council is performing duties of  
24 the council or is otherwise engaged in activities or receiving  
25 services for which reimbursement is allowed under subsection (7) of  
26 this section. The immunity provided by this subsection does not apply  
27 to an injury intentionally caused by the act or omission of an  
28 employee or official of (~~the superintendent of public instruction~~  
29 ~~or~~) the legislature or any agency of the legislature.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.300.801 is recodified as a section  
31 in chapter 43.15 RCW.

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