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President of the Senate

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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1751** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

Chief Clerk

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State of Washington**

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By House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Leavitt, Senn, Berry, Valdez, Bateman, Berg, Callan, Cody, Fitzgibbon, Santos, Simmons, Slatter, Bergquist, and Pollet)

READ FIRST TIME 02/07/22.

1 AN ACT Relating to hazing prevention and reduction at
2 institutions of higher education; amending RCW 28B.10.900; adding new
3 sections to chapter 28B.10 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.10.900 and 1993 c 514 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 As used in RCW 28B.10.901 and 28B.10.902, "hazing" includes any
8 ~~((method of))~~ act committed as part of a person's recruitment,
9 initiation ~~((into))~~, pledging, admission into, or affiliation with a
10 student organization, athletic team, or living group, or any pastime
11 or amusement engaged in with respect to such an organization,
12 athletic team, or living group that causes, or is likely to cause,
13 bodily danger or physical harm, or serious ~~((mental))~~ psychological
14 or emotional harm, to any student or other person attending a public
15 or private institution of higher education or other postsecondary
16 educational institution in this state, including causing, directing,
17 coercing, or forcing a person to consume any food, liquid, alcohol,
18 drug, or other substance which subjects the person to risk of such
19 harm, regardless of the person's willingness to participate. "Hazing"
20 does not include customary athletic events or other similar contests
21 or competitions.

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

3 (1) Each public and private institution of higher education shall
4 prohibit in its code of conduct hazing off campus as well as on
5 campus.

6 (2) Beginning with the 2022 fall term, each public and private
7 institution of higher education shall provide students with an
8 educational program on hazing and the dangers of and prohibition on
9 hazing, which shall include information regarding hazing awareness,
10 prevention, intervention, and the institution's policy on hazing. The
11 educational program may be offered in person or electronically. The
12 institution must incorporate the educational program as part of new
13 student orientation sessions. The educational program must be posted
14 on each institution's public website for parents, legal guardians,
15 and volunteers to view.

16 (3) Institutional materials on student rights and
17 responsibilities given to student organizations, athletic teams, or
18 living groups, either electronically or in hard copy form, shall
19 include a statement on the institution's antihazing policy and on the
20 dangers of hazing.

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

23 Each public institution of higher education shall establish a
24 hazing prevention committee to promote and address hazing prevention.
25 The committee shall have a minimum of six members including a
26 designated chair appointed by the president of the institution. Fifty
27 percent of the committee positions shall include students currently
28 attending the higher education institution with at least one position
29 filled by a student from a student organization, athletic team, or
30 living group. The other fifty percent of the committee positions
31 shall include at least one faculty or staff member and one parent or
32 legal guardian of a student currently enrolled at the institution.
33 Student input shall be considered for committee membership. A student
34 who is a member of a student organization, athletic team, or living
35 group that was affiliated with a finding of a hazing violation within
36 the last twelve months may not participate in or be a member of the
37 hazing prevention committee.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10

2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) Beginning with the 2022-23 academic year, each public and
4 private institution of higher education shall maintain and publicly
5 report actual findings of violations by any student organization,
6 athletic team, or living group of the public or private institution
7 of higher education's code of conduct, antihazing policies, or state
8 or federal laws relating to hazing or offenses related to alcohol,
9 drugs, sexual assault, or physical assault.

10 (2) The report shall include the following:

11 (a) The name of the student organization, athletic team, or
12 living group;

13 (b) The date the investigation was initiated;

14 (c) The date on which the investigation ended with a finding that
15 a violation occurred;

16 (d) A description of the incident or incidents, including the
17 date of the initial violation, and the violations, findings, and
18 sanctions placed on the student organization, athletic team, or
19 living group;

20 (e) The details of the sanction or sanctions imposed, including
21 the beginning and end dates of the sanction or sanctions; and

22 (f) The date the student organization, athletic team, or living
23 group was charged with a violation.

24 (3) Investigations that do not result in a finding of formal
25 violations of the student code of conduct or state or federal law
26 shall not be included in the report. The report shall not include any
27 personal or identifying information of individual student members and
28 shall be subject to the requirements of the federal family education
29 rights and privacy act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g.

30 (4) Public and private institutions of higher education shall
31 make reports under this section available on their websites in a
32 prominent location clearly labeled and easily accessible from the
33 institution's website.

34 (5) Each public and private institution of higher education shall
35 maintain reports as they are updated for five years and shall post
36 them on their respective websites at least 45 calendar days before
37 the start of each fall academic term and at least 10 days before the
38 start of all other academic terms.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) Beginning in the 2022 fall academic term, each public and
4 private institution of higher education shall provide hazing
5 prevention education on the signs and dangers of hazing as well as
6 the institution's prohibition on hazing to employees, including
7 student employees, either in person or electronically. The prevention
8 education shall be provided to employees at the beginning of each
9 academic year and for new employees at the beginning of each academic
10 term.

11 (2) If, as a result of observations or information received in
12 the course of employment or volunteer service, any employee,
13 including a student employee, or volunteer at a public or private
14 institution of higher education has reasonable cause to believe that
15 hazing has occurred, the employee or volunteer shall report the
16 incident, or cause a report to be made, to a designated authority at
17 the institution. The employee or volunteer shall make the report at
18 the first opportunity to do so.

19 (3) "Reasonable cause" means a person who witnesses hazing or
20 receives a credible written or oral report alleging hazing or
21 potential or planned hazing activity.

22 (4) A person who witnesses hazing or has reasonable cause to
23 believe hazing has occurred or will occur and makes a report in good
24 faith may not be sanctioned or punished for the violation of hazing
25 unless the person is directly engaged in the planning, directing, or
26 act of hazing reported.

27 (5) Nothing in this section shall preclude a person from
28 independently reporting hazing or suspected hazing activity to law
29 enforcement.

30 (6) As used in this section, "employee" means a person who is
31 receiving wages from the institution of higher education and is in a
32 position with direct ongoing contact with students in a supervisory
33 role or position of authority. "Employee" does not include a person
34 employed as medical staff or with an affiliated organization, entity,
35 or extension of a postsecondary educational institution, unless the
36 employee has a supervisory role or position of authority over
37 students. "Employee" does not include confidential employees.

38 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10
39 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) Social fraternity and sorority organizations shall notify the
2 public or private institution of higher education before chartering,
3 rechartering, opening, or reopening a local chapter or operating at
4 the public or private institution of higher education.

5 (2) Social fraternity and sorority organizations shall notify the
6 public or private institution of higher education when the
7 organization instigates an investigation of a local chapter at the
8 public or private institution of higher education for hazing or other
9 activity that includes an element of hazing, such as furnishing
10 alcohol to minors. The organization shall provide the results of such
11 investigation and a copy of the full findings report to the public or
12 private institution of higher education's student conduct office.

13 (3) Beginning in the 2022 fall academic term, any local social
14 fraternity or sorority chapter seeking to obtain or maintain
15 registration with any public or private institution of higher
16 education in the state must certify in writing and provide weblinks
17 to that institution showing that the landing pages of all websites
18 owned or maintained by the local chapter contain a full list for the
19 previous five years of all findings of violations of antihazing
20 policies, state or federal laws relating to hazing, alcohol, drugs,
21 sexual assault, or physical assault, or the institution's code of
22 conduct against the local chapter.

23 (4) Failure of a social fraternity or sorority organization to
24 comply with subsections (1) through (3) of this section shall result
25 in automatic loss of recognition until such time that the
26 organization comes into compliance with those subsections.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** This act may be known and cited as the
28 Sam's law act.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** If specific funding for the purposes of
30 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
31 provided by June 30, 2022, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
32 act is null and void.

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