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1 AN ACT Relating to student athlete insurance; and amending RCW
2 28B.10.660.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.10.660 and 2009 c 297 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The governing boards of any of the state's institutions of
7 higher education may make available liability, life, health, health
8 care, accident, disability and salary protection or insurance or any
9 one of, or a combination of, the enumerated types of insurance, or
10 any other type of insurance or protection, for the regents or
11 trustees and students of the institution. Except as provided in
12 subsections (2) (~~and~~), (3), and (4) of this section, the premiums
13 due on such protection or insurance shall be borne by the assenting
14 regents, trustees, or students. The regents or trustees of any of the
15 state institutions of higher education may make liability insurance
16 available for employees of the institutions. The premiums due on such
17 liability insurance shall be borne by the university or college.

18 (2) A governing board of a public four-year institution of higher
19 education may make available, and pay the costs of, health benefits
20 for graduate students holding graduate service appointments,
21 designated as such by the institution. Such health benefits may

1 provide coverage for spouses and dependents of such graduate student
2 appointees.

3 (3) A governing board of a state institution of higher education
4 may require its students who participate in studies or research
5 outside of the United States sponsored, arranged, or approved by the
6 institution to purchase, as a condition of participation, insurance
7 approved by the governing board, that will provide coverage for
8 expenses arising from emergency evacuation, repatriation of remains,
9 injury, illness, or death sustained while participating in the study
10 or research abroad. The governing board of the institution may bear
11 all or part of the costs of the insurance. A student shall not be
12 required to purchase insurance if the student is covered under an
13 insurance policy that will provide coverage for expenses arising from
14 emergency evacuation, repatriation of remains, injury, illness, or
15 death sustained while participating in the study or research abroad.

16 (4) A governing board of a public four-year institution of higher
17 education may make available, and pay the costs of, insurance for
18 intercollegiate student athletes, designated as such by the
19 institution. Such insurance may cover student athletes currently
20 enrolled at the institution, and, more narrowly, former student
21 athletes who, by rule of the institution's athletic association, are
22 entitled to a period of posteligibility health care to address
23 athletics-related injuries and conditions.

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