

WSR 24-17-012
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
PENINSULA COLLEGE

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Code of student rights and responsibilities; repeal chapter 132A-126 WAC and adopt chapter 132A-127 WAC.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28B.50.140(13).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: On April 19, 2024, the United States Department of Education released its final rule under Title IX. This rule requires institutions of higher education to adopt student disciplinary procedures addressing sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment. An emergency update was filed to be compliant with federal regulations. Chapter 132A-126 WAC was repealed in its entirety and new chapter 132A-127 WAC was submitted.

These new definitions of prohibited behavior and updated procedures are necessary to address conduct that may pose a threat to the general welfare of the college community and/or college operations and to protect the constitutional and procedural rights of individual students.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Not applicable.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency study; and on April 19, 2024, the United States Department of Education released its final rule under Title IX.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Trisha Haggerty, Rules Coordinator, Peninsula College, 1502 East Lauridsen Boulevard, Port Angeles, WA 98362, phone 360-417-6201, email thaggerty@pencol.edu, website www.pencol.edu.

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