
SENATE BILL 5229

State of Washington

61st Legislature

2009 Regular Session

By Senators McAuliffe, Hobbs, Franklin, Tom, King, Pridemore, Kohl-Welles, Jacobsen, Kilmer, and Shin

Read first time 01/16/09. Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

1 AN ACT Relating to the legislative youth advisory council; amending
2 RCW 28A.300.801; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.300.801 and 2007 c 291 s 2 are each amended to
5 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 (3) Except for initial members, members shall serve two-year terms,
17 and if eligible, may be reappointed for subsequent two-year terms.
18 One-half of the initial members shall be appointed to one-year terms,

1 and these appointments shall be made in such a way as to preserve
2 overall representation on the committee.

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

11 (b) The office of the lieutenant governor shall make the
12 application available on the lieutenant governor's web site.

13 (5) The council shall have the following duties:

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 (7) Members shall be reimbursed as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and
37 43.03.060.

1 (8) The office of superintendent of public instruction shall
2 provide administration, coordination, and facilitation assistance to
3 the council. The senate and house of representatives may provide
4 policy and fiscal briefings and assistance with drafting proposed
5 legislation. The senate and the house of representatives shall each
6 develop internal policies relating to staff assistance provided to the
7 council. Such policies may include applicable internal personnel and
8 practices guidelines, resource use and expense reimbursement
9 guidelines, and applicable ethics mandates. Provision of funds,
10 resources, and staff, as well as the assignment and direction of staff,
11 remains at all times within the sole discretion of the chamber making
12 the provision.

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

25 (~~(10) This section expires June 30, 2009.~~)

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
27 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
28 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
29 immediately.

--- END ---