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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6487**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Lias, Saldaña, and Wilson, C.; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/20.

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

18 (3) (~~Except for initial members, members~~) Members shall serve  
19 two-year terms, and if eligible, may be reappointed for subsequent  
20 two-year terms. (~~One-half of the initial members shall be appointed~~)

1 ~~to one-year terms, and these appointments shall be made in such a way~~  
2 ~~as to preserve overall representation on the committee.))~~

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

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

16 (5) ~~((If the council has sufficient funds from any source, then))~~  
17 Subject to the approval of the office of the lieutenant governor, the  
18 council shall have the following duties:

19 (a) Advising the legislature on proposed and pending legislation,  
20 including state budget expenditures and policy matters relating to  
21 youth;

22 (b) Advising the standing committees of the legislature and study  
23 commissions, committees, and task forces regarding issues relating to  
24 youth;

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

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

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

32 (6) ~~((If the council has sufficient funds from any source, then~~  
33 ~~in))~~ In carrying out its duties under this section, the council  
34 ~~((may))~~ must meet at least three times ~~((but not more than six~~  
35 ~~times))~~ per year. ~~((The council shall consider conducting at least~~  
36 ~~some of the meetings via the K-20 telecommunications network.))~~ The  
37 council is encouraged to use technology, such as remote video  
38 conferencing technology, to facilitate members' participation in  
39 meetings. The council is encouraged to invite local state legislators  
40 to participate in the meetings. The council is encouraged to poll

1 other students in order to get a broad perspective on (~~the~~) various  
2 policy issues. The council is encouraged to use technology to conduct  
3 (~~the~~) polling(~~, including the council's web site, if the council~~  
4 ~~has a web site~~)).

5 (~~If the council has sufficient funds from any source, then~~  
6 ~~members shall~~) Members may be reimbursed as provided in RCW  
7 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

8 (~~If sufficient funds are available from any source,~~  
9 ~~beginning with May 7, 2009, the~~) The office of (~~superintendent of~~  
10 ~~public instruction~~) the lieutenant governor shall provide  
11 administration, (~~coordination~~) supervision, and facilitation  
12 (~~assistance~~) support to the council. In facilitating the program,  
13 the office of the lieutenant governor may collaborate with the  
14 association of Washington generals established in RCW 43.15.030. The  
15 senate and house of representatives may provide policy and fiscal  
16 briefings and assistance with drafting proposed legislation. The  
17 senate and the house of representatives shall each develop internal  
18 policies relating to staff assistance provided to the council. Such  
19 policies may include applicable internal personnel and practices  
20 guidelines, resource use and expense reimbursement guidelines, and  
21 applicable ethics mandates. Provision of funds, resources, and staff,  
22 as well as the assignment and direction of staff, remains at all  
23 times within the sole discretion of the chamber making the provision.

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

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

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