
SENATE BILL 5553

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By Senators Owen and McCaslin.

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1 AN ACT Relating to the removal of presidents of state institutions
2 of higher education for misrepresentation; and adding new sections to
3 chapter 28B.10 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** For the purposes of sections 2 and 3 of
6 this act, the following definition applies: "Misrepresentation" or
7 "misrepresented" includes any manifestation by words or other conduct
8 to the board of regents or trustees of a state institution of higher
9 education, or the delegates or representatives of such a board, that
10 amounts to an assertion not in accordance with the facts.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The contract of employment for any
12 president of a state institution of higher education shall include the
13 provision that the board of regents or trustees of the state
14 institution of higher education have the full authority and

1 responsibility to remove, without any manner of compensation or
2 contractual buyout, the president of the institution should the board
3 find that the individual misrepresented himself or herself in any
4 manner during the application, appointment, or hiring process.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Nothing contained in section 2 of this
6 act shall be construed to alter any existing contract or the provisions
7 of any existing contract. Section 2 of this act shall not apply to any
8 college or university president hired before the effective date of this
9 act.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act are
11 each added to chapter 28B.10 RCW.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** If any provision of this act or its
13 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
14 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
15 persons or circumstances is not affected.