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By Representatives O'Brien, Sump and Kirby

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1 AN ACT Relating to community and technical college special police;  
2 and adding new sections to chapter 28B.50 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 The boards of trustees of the community and technical colleges,  
7 acting independently and each on behalf of its own institution:

8 (1) May appoint state employed personnel as special police officers  
9 for its own institution, which officers shall function under such  
10 conditions and regulations as the board prescribes; and

11 (2) May supply appropriate badges and uniforms that identify such  
12 special police officers. At a minimum, badges and identification cards  
13 shall state the name of the community or technical college and the  
14 words "Special Police." Uniform color schemes and badges may not  
15 conflict with that of which are worn by the local police or sheriff's  
16 department where the community or technical college is located.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

1 (1) Special police officers, as established under authority of  
2 section 1 of this act, when appointed and duly sworn:

3 (a) Shall be limited authority Washington peace officers and shall  
4 have the authority to enforce all criminal laws of the state of  
5 Washington, including the power to arrest and issue criminal citations  
6 for offenses, while on duty; and

7 (b) May only exercise such powers while on state-owned community or  
8 technical college property and associated buildings, or if in fresh  
9 pursuit of a person who has committed a crime on community or technical  
10 college property pursuant to RCW 10.93.090.

11 (2) Such powers shall be terminated upon the removal of the  
12 employee from appointment as a special police officer, failure to meet  
13 annual refresher training standards, or an arrest or conviction of any  
14 felony, crime of violence, controlled substance violation, or offense  
15 involving moral turpitude.

16 (3) Special police officers shall not be authorized to utilize  
17 firearms in the performance of their duties.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW  
19 to read as follows:

20 The board of trustees of each community or technical college  
21 appointing special police officers shall certify that each person in  
22 such position meets the following requirements prior to appointment.  
23 These standards are in addition to any standards set by the department  
24 of personnel for campus security officer:

25 (1) The officer must be at least twenty-one years of age at time of  
26 appointment;

27 (2) The officer must undergo a state and F.B.I. criminal background  
28 records check;

29 (3) The officer must submit to a urinalysis to detect the presence  
30 of any illegal drug use;

31 (4) The officer must not have been convicted of a felony, crime of  
32 violence, controlled substance violation, or offense involving moral  
33 turpitude; and

34 (5) The officer must successfully complete prescribed training  
35 prior to appointment.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        (1) The appointment of any special police officer by a community or  
4 technical college shall not limit the authority, powers, or  
5 responsibility of any local or state law enforcement agency  
6 jurisdiction in which that community or technical college is located.  
7 Special police officers shall seek the assistance of such agencies when  
8 investigating any crimes that are violent or felonious in nature.

9        (2) Persons arrested by a special police officer shall be  
10 relinquished to an appropriate local or state law enforcement agency  
11 for booking and arraignment purposes, and such special police officer  
12 shall provide a detailed report describing the incident.

13        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW  
14 to read as follows:

15        (1) All persons employed by state-owned community and technical  
16 colleges, and appointed as special police officers, shall successfully  
17 complete a training program, or equivalent, approved by the Washington  
18 state criminal justice training commission for reserve law enforcement  
19 officers prior to exercising such powers.

20        (2) Special police officers shall participate in annual refresher  
21 training as prescribed by the criminal justice training commission for  
22 reserve law enforcement officers, or forty hours of annual, documented  
23 training consisting of: Communications skills, criminal law, evidence  
24 law, defensive tactics, patrol procedures, investigations, crisis  
25 intervention, community policing/crime prevention, and first aid.

26        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 6.**    A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW  
27 to read as follows:

28        Special police officers appointed by state community and technical  
29 colleges are not considered fully commissioned law enforcement officers  
30 and shall not be eligible for retirement benefits under chapter 41.26  
31 RCW in association with their work for a community or technical  
32 college.

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