
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1827

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By House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Moeller, Skinner, Fromhold, Schoesler, Romero, Sullivan, Hankins, Hunt, Morrell, Delvin, Cox, Kenney, Hinkle, Linville, Wood, Cody, Dunshee, Schual-Berke, Sehlin and Simpson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to provision of meningococcal immunization
2 information to first-time students by degree-granting postsecondary
3 educational institutions; adding a new section to chapter 70.54 RCW;
4 and providing an effective date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.54 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) Each degree-granting public or private postsecondary
9 educational institution that provides on-campus or group housing shall
10 provide information on meningococcal disease to, at a minimum, those
11 students or prospective students who are offered on-campus or group
12 housing. The information about meningococcal disease shall include:

13 (a) Symptoms, risks, especially as the risks relate to
14 circumstances of group living arrangements, and treatment; and

15 (b) Current recommendations from the United States centers for
16 disease control and prevention regarding the receipt of vaccines for
17 meningococcal disease and where the vaccination can be received.

18 (2) Each postsecondary educational institution shall place the

1 information on the residential housing application, contract, or
2 agreement that is received or agreed to by the student before taking
3 possession of the residence.

4 (3) This section shall not be construed to require the department
5 of health or the postsecondary educational institution to provide the
6 vaccination to students.

7 (4) The department of health shall be consulted regarding the
8 preparation of the information materials provided to the first-time
9 students.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect July 1, 2004.

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