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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5828**

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**By** Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Sheahan, Keiser, Regala, Kastama, Thibaudeau, Hale, Fraser and Winsley)

READ FIRST TIME 03/05/03.

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) Except for community and technical colleges, each degree-  
9 granting public or private postsecondary residential campus that  
10 provides on-campus or group housing shall provide information on  
11 meningococcal disease to each enrolled matriculated first-time student.  
12 Community and technical colleges must provide the information only to  
13 those students who are offered on-campus or group housing. The  
14 information about meningococcal disease shall include:

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

17       (b) Information on the vaccination that may prevent the student  
18 from contracting the disease, that students in the high-risk group

1 consider receiving the vaccine, and where the vaccination can be  
2 received.

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

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

9 (4) This section does not create a private right of action.

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

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