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HOUSE BILL 2123

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By Representatives Murray, Cox, Kenney, Quall and McIntire

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1            AN ACT Relating to off-campus disruptive behavior of higher  
2 education students; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 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.10 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) Each institution of higher education shall adopt rules  
7 regarding disruptive off-campus conduct of students, including  
8 sanctions. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, counseling,  
9 probation, suspension, or expulsion.

10           (2) As used in this section, "disruptive off-campus conduct" means  
11 any conduct that results in a citation or conviction for the violation  
12 of laws or ordinances and that:

13           (a) Interferes with the institution of higher education's  
14 relationship with the surrounding community;

15           (b) Harms the reputation of the institution of higher education; or

16           (c) Violates the institution of higher education's policies.

17           (3) As used in this section, "off-campus" means neighborhoods,  
18 businesses, and public places that are proximate to the campus of the  
19 institution.

1           (4) Rules adopted under this section may not violate the civil  
2 rights of students protected under the Constitution of the United  
3 States or the state of Washington. The rules must also provide due  
4 process procedures for students who have been accused of disruptive  
5 off-campus conduct.

6           (5) Each institution of higher education shall report the substance  
7 of the rules adopted under this section to the higher education  
8 committees of the legislature by December 1, 2005.

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