
HOUSE BILL 3071

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1 AN ACT Relating to a study to review the age of consent in
2 Washington; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The joint legislative audit and review
5 committee shall review Washington law to determine all areas in
6 Washington law in which the age of consent is statutorily established
7 including but not limited to entering a marriage contract, entering
8 into a legal contractual obligation, executing a will, the ability to
9 vote, making health care decisions, receiving mental health or chemical
10 dependency treatment, and obtaining body piercings or tattoos.

11 (2) The joint legislative audit and review committee shall review
12 available studies and reports pertaining to the ability of a minor to
13 provide consent, including studies on adolescent brain development.
14 The review should include information available on the ability of a
15 minor to understand the long-term effects or consequences of his or her
16 decisions, his or her ability to provide consent at various ages, and
17 at what age is a minor best able to provide consent.

18 (3) The joint legislative audit and review committee shall provide
19 a report to the appropriate legislative committees by December 1, 2006.

1 The report shall include a comparison of the Washington statutes
2 reviewed in subsection (1) of this section that includes the age at
3 which a minor is statutorily permitted to consent.

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