
SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2507

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By House Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives O'Brien, Ormsby, Hurst, Goodman, VanDeWege, Liias, Barlow, Green, Kelley, Warnick, and Simpson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to expanding the statewide first responder building
2 mapping information system to higher education facilities; and creating
3 new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that coordinated
6 planning ensures preparation for all future crises. While it is
7 impossible to eliminate the threats posed to our higher education
8 campuses by crime or disaster, natural or person-caused, it is
9 necessary to mitigate impact through effective all hazard emergency
10 preparedness. The legislature also finds that notifying college and
11 university campus communities of an impending, ongoing, or diffused
12 emergency situation is one of the most critical capabilities that a
13 college or university must have. But how a higher education
14 institution achieves the ability to alert students, faculty, and staff
15 quickly, accurately, and dependably in an emergency situation is not a
16 one size fits all solution. While colleges and universities should
17 maintain their autonomy in choosing how to address safety and security
18 risks, certain consistent protocols are essential for making campuses
19 safer. The legislature further finds that higher education

1 institutions need to ensure that campus law enforcement or security
2 communications equipment, as well as communication systems used by
3 colleges and universities during an emergency, meet technical standards
4 and are compatible with other responding agencies' communication
5 systems. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to carefully
6 examine best safety practices at the state's institutions of higher
7 education, examine the use of technology to improve emergency
8 communications, and consider the financial implications of safety and
9 security enhancement plans, as well as the funding sources to support
10 them, in order to maximize limited resources and public benefit.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The Washington state patrol and the
12 Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, in consultation
13 with the state board for community and technical colleges, the council
14 of presidents, the independent colleges of Washington, and the
15 department of information services, shall conduct a needs analysis and
16 fiscal impact study of potential college and university campus security
17 enhancements, including the addition of two-year and four-year public
18 higher education institutions to the statewide first responder building
19 mapping information system as provided under RCW 36.28A.060.

20 (1) The study shall:

21 (a) Assess public and independent colleges and universities to
22 determine whether campus emergency and critical incident plans are
23 up-to-date, comprehensive, and regularly exercised;

24 (b) Evaluate the potential risks associated with individual types
25 of buildings on all campuses and recommend buildings that are a high
26 priority for adding to the statewide first responder building mapping
27 information system;

28 (c) Determine the costs and timelines associated with adding
29 priority campus buildings to the statewide first responder building
30 mapping information system;

31 (d) Assess campus emergency notification systems or devices,
32 including emergency radio systems, to determine functionality in the
33 campus environment, the adequacy of coverage throughout a campus, and
34 operational compatibility with the radio systems and frequencies
35 utilized by state and local responding agencies.

36 (2) The Washington state patrol and the Washington association of

1 sheriffs and police chiefs shall report findings and recommendations to
2 the governor and the legislature by November 1, 2008.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
4 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
5 June 30, 2008, in the omnibus capital appropriations act, this act is
6 null and void.

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