

SSB 5229 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Education Appropriations

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 28A.300.801 and 2007 c 291 s 2 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The legislative youth advisory council is established to
6 examine issues of importance to youth, including but not limited to
7 education, employment, strategies to increase youth participation in
8 state and municipal government, safe environments for youth, substance
9 abuse, emotional and physical health, foster care, poverty,
10 homelessness, and youth access to services on a statewide and municipal
11 basis.

12 (2) The council consists of twenty-two members as provided in this
13 subsection who, at the time of appointment, are aged fourteen to
14 eighteen. The council shall select a chair from among its members.

15 (3) Except for initial members, members shall serve two-year terms,
16 and if eligible, may be reappointed for subsequent two-year terms.
17 One-half of the initial members shall be appointed to one-year terms,
18 and these appointments shall be made in such a way as to preserve
19 overall representation on the committee.

20 (4)(a) By July 2, 2007, and annually thereafter, students may apply
21 to be considered for participation in the program by completing an
22 online application form and submitting the application to the
23 legislative youth advisory council. The council may develop selection
24 criteria and an application review process. The council shall
25 recommend candidates whose names will be submitted to the office of the
26 lieutenant governor for final selection. Beginning with the effective
27 date of this act, the office of the lieutenant governor shall notify
28 all applicants of the final selections using existing staff and
29 resources.

1 (b) Within existing staff and resources, the office of the
2 lieutenant governor shall make the application available on the
3 lieutenant governor's web site.

4 (5) If the council has sufficient funds from any source, then the
5 council shall have the following duties:

6 (a) Advising the legislature on proposed and pending legislation,
7 including state budget expenditures and policy matters relating to
8 youth;

9 (b) Advising the standing committees of the legislature and study
10 commissions, committees, and task forces regarding issues relating to
11 youth;

12 (c) Conducting periodic seminars for its members regarding
13 leadership, government, and the legislature;

14 (d) Accepting and soliciting for grants and donations from public
15 and private sources to support the activities of the council; and

16 (e) Reporting annually by December 1st to the legislature on its
17 activities, including proposed legislation that implements
18 recommendations of the council.

19 (6) If the council has sufficient funds from any source, then in
20 carrying out its duties under this section, the council may meet at
21 least three times but not more than six times per year. The council
22 shall consider conducting at least some of the meetings via the K-20
23 telecommunications network. ((Councils—are)) The council is
24 encouraged to invite local state legislators to participate in the
25 meetings. The council is encouraged to poll other students in order to
26 get a broad perspective on the various issues. The council is
27 encouraged to use technology to conduct the polling, including the
28 council's web site, if the council has a web site.

29 (7) If the council has sufficient funds from any source, then
30 members shall be reimbursed as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

31 (8) If sufficient funds are available from any source, beginning
32 with the effective date of this act, the office of superintendent of
33 public instruction shall provide administration, coordination, and
34 facilitation assistance to the council. The senate and house of
35 representatives may provide policy and fiscal briefings and assistance
36 with drafting proposed legislation. The senate and the house of
37 representatives shall each develop internal policies relating to staff
38 assistance provided to the council. Such policies may include

1 applicable internal personnel and practices guidelines, resource use
2 and expense reimbursement guidelines, and applicable ethics mandates.
3 Provision of funds, resources, and staff, as well as the assignment and
4 direction of staff, remains at all times within the sole discretion of
5 the chamber making the provision.

6 (9) The office of the lieutenant governor, the office of (~~{the}~~)
7 the superintendent of public instruction, the legislature, any agency
8 of the legislature, and any official or employee of such office or
9 agency are immune from liability for any injury that is incurred by or
10 caused by a member of the youth advisory council and that occurs while
11 the member of the council is performing duties of the council or is
12 otherwise engaged in activities or receiving services for which
13 reimbursement is allowed under subsection (7) of this section. The
14 immunity provided by this subsection does not apply to an injury
15 intentionally caused by the act or omission of an employee or official
16 of the superintendent of public instruction or the legislature or any
17 agency of the legislature.

18 (~~{(10) This section expires June 30, 2009.}~~)

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
21 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
22 immediately."

23 Correct the title.

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