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By Senators Shin, Kastama, Jacobsen, Berkey, Hobbs, Franklin, Hargrove, and Kohl-Welles; by request of University of Washington

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1 AN ACT Relating to insurance requirements for higher education  
2 students participating in study or research abroad; and amending RCW  
3 28B.10.660.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.10.660 and 1993 sp.s. c 9 s 1 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The governing boards of any of the state's institutions of  
8 higher education may make available liability, life, health, health  
9 care, accident, disability and salary protection or insurance or any  
10 one of, or a combination of, the enumerated types of insurance, or any  
11 other type of insurance or protection, for the regents or trustees and  
12 students of the institution. Except as provided in subsections (2) and  
13 (3) of this section, the premiums due on such protection or insurance  
14 shall be borne by the assenting regents, trustees, or students. The  
15 regents or trustees of any of the state institutions of higher  
16 education may make liability insurance available for employees of the  
17 institutions. The premiums due on such liability insurance shall be  
18 borne by the university or college.

1 (2) A governing board of a public four-year institution of higher  
2 education may make available, and pay the costs of, health benefits for  
3 graduate students holding graduate service appointments, designated as  
4 such by the institution. Such health benefits may provide coverage for  
5 spouses and dependents of such graduate student appointees.

6 (3) A governing board of a state institution of higher education  
7 may require its students who participate in studies or research outside  
8 of the United States sponsored, arranged, or approved by the  
9 institution to purchase, as a condition of participation, insurance  
10 approved by the governing board, that will provide coverage for  
11 expenses incurred as a result of injury, illness, or death sustained  
12 while participating in the study or research abroad. The governing  
13 board of the institution may bear all or part of the costs of the  
14 insurance.

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