

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 2259

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Eliminating certain duplicative higher education reporting requirements.

Sponsors: House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Zeiger, Seaquist, Haler and Roberts).

House Committee on Environment
House Committee on Higher Education
Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development

Background:

Institutions of higher education are required by state law to report on a variety of information related to crime statistics and campus safety. These requirements include: submitting a monthly report, as well as publishing an annual report, on crime statistics; developing a campus safety plan and updating it annually; entering into a memorandum of understanding that outlines the responsibilities of affected local governments in the event of a campus emergency; and establishing a task force to examine campus security and safety issues at least annually.

These institutions are also required to report information related to campus security under the federal Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008. This federal law updated and expanded campus security reporting provisions for higher education institutions contained in the federal Clery Act. The 2008 law added, among other provisions: new categories to the list of hate crimes all institutions must disclose; a new disclosure regarding the relationship of campus security personnel with state and local law enforcement agencies; implementation and disclosure of emergency notification and evacuation procedures; and implementation and disclosure of missing student notification procedures for institutions with on-campus student housing.

Summary:

The requirements in state law for institutions of higher education related to crime statistics reporting and campus safety plan development are repealed.

Votes on Final Passage:

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House 98 0
Senate 46 0

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