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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing community and technical colleges
2 to establish a police force on their campuses; amending RCW
3 28B.10.550 and 28B.10.560; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is a
6 public interest in protecting students at all levels of their
7 education. The legislature also finds that there has been an
8 atmosphere of societal unrest recently, especially on college
9 campuses. The legislature also finds that the state universities, the
10 regional universities, and The Evergreen State College are explicitly
11 authorized to maintain a commissioned police force. The legislature
12 also finds that the community and technical colleges have not been
13 given the authority to maintain the same level of security as the
14 universities. The legislature intends the community and technical
15 colleges to have the same ability to hire and maintain an armed
16 commissioned police force on their campuses as the other institutes
17 of higher education and common schools.

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.10.550 and 1977 ex.s. c 169 s 24 are each
19 amended to read as follows:

1 The boards of regents of the state universities, the boards of
2 trustees of the state community and technical colleges, and the
3 boards of trustees of the regional universities or of The Evergreen
4 State College, acting independently and each on behalf of its own
5 institution:

6 (1) May each establish a police force for its own institution,
7 which force shall function under such conditions and regulations as
8 the board prescribes; and

9 (2) May supply appropriate badges and uniforms indicating the
10 positions and authority of the members of such police force.

11 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.10.560 and 1983 c 221 s 1 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 (1) The boards of regents of the state universities, the boards
14 of trustees of the state community and technical colleges, and the
15 boards of trustees of the regional universities and of The Evergreen
16 State College, acting independently and each on behalf of its own
17 institution, may each:

18 (a) Establish and promulgate rules and regulations governing
19 pedestrian traffic and vehicular traffic and parking upon lands and
20 facilities of the university or college;

21 (b) Adjudicate matters involving parking infractions internally;
22 and

23 (c) Collect and retain any penalties so imposed.

24 (2) If the rules or regulations promulgated under subsection (1)
25 of this section provide for internal adjudication of parking
26 infractions, a person charged with a parking infraction who deems
27 himself or herself aggrieved by the final decision in an internal
28 adjudication may, within ten days after written notice of the final
29 decision, appeal by filing a written notice thereof with the college
30 or university police force. Documents relating to the appeal shall
31 immediately be forwarded to the district court in the county in which
32 the offense was committed, which court shall have jurisdiction over
33 such offense and such appeal shall be heard de novo.

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