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**SENATE BILL 6127**

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**By** Senators Randall, Conway, Hunt, Stanford, Saldaña, and Wilson, C.

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1 AN ACT Relating to membership of the student achievement council;  
2 and amending RCW 28B.77.005.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.77.005 and 2018 c 58 s 27 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) (~~On July 1, 2012, the higher education coordinating board is~~  
7 ~~abolished and the~~) The student achievement council is created.

8 (2) The council is composed of (~~nine~~) ten voting members as  
9 provided in this subsection.

10 (a) (~~Five~~) Six citizen members shall be appointed by the  
11 governor with the consent of the senate. One of the citizen members  
12 shall be (~~a~~) an undergraduate student and one shall be a graduate  
13 student. The citizen members shall be selected based on their  
14 knowledge of or experience in higher education. In making  
15 appointments to the council, the governor shall give consideration to  
16 citizens representing labor, business, women, and racial and ethnic  
17 minorities, as well as geographic representation, to ensure that the  
18 council's membership reflects the state's diverse population. The  
19 citizen members shall serve for four-year terms except for each of  
20 the student members, who shall serve for one year; however, the terms  
21 of the initial members shall be staggered.

1 (b) A representative of an independent nonprofit higher education  
2 institution as defined in RCW 28B.07.020(~~(4)~~), selected by an  
3 association of independent nonprofit baccalaureate degree-granting  
4 institutions. The representative appointed under this subsection  
5 (2)(b) shall excuse himself or herself from voting on matters  
6 relating primarily to public institutions of higher education.

7 (c) Chosen for their recognized ability and innovative leadership  
8 experience in broad education policy and system design, a  
9 representative of each of the following shall be selected by the  
10 respective organizations, who shall serve at the pleasure of the  
11 appointing organizations:

12 (i) A representative of the four-year institutions of higher  
13 education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, selected by the presidents of  
14 those institutions;

15 (ii) A representative of the state's community and technical  
16 college system, selected by the state board for community and  
17 technical colleges; and

18 (iii) A representative of the state's K-12 education system,  
19 selected by the superintendent of public instruction in consultation  
20 with the department of children, youth, and families and the state  
21 board of education. The representative appointed under this  
22 subsection (2)(c)(iii) shall excuse himself or herself from voting on  
23 matters relating primarily to institutions of higher education.

24 (3) The chair shall be selected by the council from among the  
25 citizen members appointed to the council. The chair shall serve a  
26 one-year term but may serve more than one term if selected to do so  
27 by the membership.

28 (4) The council may create advisory committees on an ad hoc basis  
29 for the purpose of obtaining input from students, faculty, and higher  
30 education experts and practitioners, citizens, business and industry,  
31 and labor, and for the purpose of informing their research, policy,  
32 and programmatic functions. Ad hoc advisory committees addressing  
33 secondary to postsecondary transitions and university and college  
34 admissions requirements must include K-12 sector representatives  
35 including teachers, school directors, principals, administrators, and  
36 others as the council may direct, in addition to higher education  
37 representatives. The council shall maintain a contact list of K-12  
38 and higher education stakeholder organizations to provide notices to  
39 stakeholders regarding the purposes of ad hoc advisory committees,

1 timelines for planned work, means for participation, and a statement  
2 of desired outcomes.

3 (5) Any vacancies on the council shall be filled in the same  
4 manner as the original appointments. Appointments to fill vacancies  
5 shall be only for such terms as remain unexpired. Any vacancies among  
6 council members appointed by the governor shall be filled by the  
7 governor subject to confirmation by the senate and shall have full  
8 authority to act before the time the senate acts on their  
9 confirmation.

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