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1 AN ACT Relating to creating a task force on campus sexual  
2 violence prevention; creating a new section; and providing an  
3 expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The Washington student achievement  
6 council, the state board for community and technical colleges, the  
7 council of presidents, the institutions of higher education, the  
8 private independent higher education institutions, state law  
9 enforcement, and the Washington attorney general's office shall  
10 collaborate to carry out the following goals:

11 (a) Develop a set of best practices that institutions of higher  
12 education and private independent higher education institutions may  
13 employ to promote the awareness of campus sexual violence, reduce the  
14 occurrence of campus sexual violence, and enhance student safety;

15 (b) Develop recommendations for institutions of higher education  
16 and private independent higher education institutions for improving  
17 institutional campus sexual violence policies and procedures; and

18 (c) Develop recommendations for improving collaboration on campus  
19 sexual violence issues among institutions of higher education and  
20 between institutions of higher education and law enforcement.

1           (2) The task force on preventing campus sexual violence is  
2 established.

3           (a) The task force includes the following members:

4           (i) One representative from the student achievement council;

5           (ii) One representative from the state board for community and  
6 technical colleges;

7           (iii) One representative from the council of presidents;

8           (iv) The Title IX coordinator, or the coordinator's designee,  
9 from each of the state universities, the regional universities, and  
10 the state college;

11          (v) One representative from the Washington association of  
12 sheriffs and police chiefs;

13          (vi) One representative from the independent colleges of  
14 Washington;

15          (vii) One representative from the Washington state attorney  
16 general's office; and

17          (viii) One representative from the Washington association of  
18 prosecuting attorneys.

19          (b) The task force shall select a coordinator to facilitate its  
20 progress.

21          (c) The purpose of the task force is to coordinate and implement  
22 the goals in subsection (1) of this section.

23          (3) The task force shall report to the legislature and the  
24 institutions of higher education on its goals and recommendations  
25 annually by December 31st.

26          (4) For the purposes of this section, "institutions of higher  
27 education" has the same meaning as in RCW 28B.10.016.

28          (5) This section expires July 1, 2017.

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