
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6127

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By Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Randall, Conway, Hunt, Stanford, Saldaña, and Wilson, C.)

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~~) two years; however,

1 the terms of the initial members and the undergraduate and graduate
2 student members shall be staggered.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 stakeholders regarding the purposes of ad hoc advisory committees,
2 timelines for planned work, means for participation, and a statement
3 of desired outcomes.

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

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