Enforce age-21 drinking age (e.g., compliance checks)

Under this strategy, campuses and local and state government support and implement strong enforcement of the existing age-21 minimum legal drinking age. (Compliance checks are an approach regulated at the local or state level whereby undercover youth, supervised by law enforcement or licensing authorities, attempt to purchase alcohol. When a violation occurs, a penalty is applied to the server and/or the license holder, depending on local or state law.)

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Potential Resources:
Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center, Conducting Compliance Check Operations (online training)

For more information about intervention designs and implementation, check the articles in the References tab.

References:

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