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By Representatives Mielke, Ludwig, Rayburn, Inslee, Riley, Edmondson, Anderson, D. Sommers, Winsley, Vance, Moyer, Miller, Brumsickle, Bowman, Horn, May, Betrozoff, Bray, Orr, Tate, Sheldon and Silver; by request of Attorney General.

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1 AN ACT Relating to community involvement in stopping crime through
2 creation of a Crime Stoppers assistance office; adding new sections to
3 chapter 43.10 RCW; creating new sections; and making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that "Crime
6 Stoppers," a community-based program that joins law enforcement,
7 community, and media in an alliance to generate public awareness and
8 assistance in solving crimes that otherwise remain unsolved, is a low-
9 cost, high-impact program for reducing and solving crime. The
10 legislature further finds that Crime Stoppers has been successfully
11 employed in major areas in Washington, as well as elsewhere in the
12 United States. The legislature also finds that its previous 1990
13 appropriation to the attorney general for Crime Stoppers grants has led
14 to the development of new programs and created the potential for even
15 further reliance on this cost-effective law enforcement tool. With

1 additional state assistance, other communities can begin or enhance
2 similar successful programs.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The attorney general shall establish
4 a Crime Stoppers assistance office to work in conjunction with local
5 Crime Stoppers organizations, sheriffs, and police chiefs to design
6 model Crime Stoppers programs and provide training and assistance to
7 local Crime Stoppers efforts.

8 (2) The Crime Stoppers assistance office may distribute
9 appropriated funds in the form of grants to law enforcement agencies
10 with qualified Crime Stoppers programs as follows:

11 (a) The Crime Stoppers assistance office may accept applications
12 for grants from law enforcement agencies with Crime Stoppers programs
13 identical or similar to the model programs or from law enforcement
14 agencies wishing to start such programs.

15 (b) The Crime Stoppers assistance office will determine what
16 matching resources, if any, should be required from those Crime
17 Stoppers programs seeking grants.

18 (c) At least twenty-five percent of the grants given in any
19 biennium must be for training, public awareness efforts, and
20 establishing new programs.

21 (d) Grants awarded to local jurisdictions shall be used for
22 operating costs of Crime Stoppers programs, and may not be used for
23 rewards.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The attorney general shall appoint an
25 advisory council to periodically review the Crime Stoppers program and
26 report to the legislature, not later than January 1 of each year, on
27 the program's administration and its progress in achieving its
28 objectives.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The attorney general may adopt rules as
2 are necessary to achieve the goals of this program.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The sum of four hundred thousand
4 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
5 the biennium ending June 30, 1993, to the attorney general from the
6 general fund, to effect the purposes of this act.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 2 and 3 of this act are each
8 added to chapter 43.10 RCW.