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1 AN ACT Relating to the department of corrections; adding new
2 sections to chapter 72.09 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that all too often
5 young offenders who enter the prison system learn more about how to be
6 criminals than about how to be productive, contributing citizens. The
7 legislature further finds that many young persons have difficulty in
8 society because they have not developed sufficient self-discipline to
9 work toward a goal. Further, young offenders frequently lack
10 systematic work habits, the concept of teamwork for a common goal, and
11 the ability to deal with authority figures. The legislature intends
12 that young persons who enter the state prison system for the first time
13 will have the opportunity to live and work in an environment that will
14 enhance their personal development and promote self-discipline, thereby
15 making them more effective participants in society. Therefore, the

1 legislature establishes a ninety-day boot camp as a pilot program
2 within the corrections system that can serve as a model to local
3 corrections programs.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires
5 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout sections 3
6 through 8 of this act.

7 (1) "Department" means the department of corrections.

8 (2) "Secretary" means the director of the department of
9 corrections.

10 (3) "First-time offender" means a person who is committed to the
11 department of corrections for the first time.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The secretary shall establish by January
13 31, 1992, a pilot boot camp program located within the corrections
14 system. It shall serve as the entrance step to one selected honor camp
15 where the offender shall complete his or her term of incarceration.
16 The program shall be for a minimum of ninety days, and include training
17 patterned after the training received in a United States military boot
18 camp. The program shall provide intensive basic physical and mental
19 training and work, drug treatment, and rehabilitation for young first-
20 time offenders between eighteen and twenty-five years of age. The boot
21 camp program shall be located in a self-contained unit either within
22 the honor camp where only graduates of the program are serving or in a
23 location where the participants will not have contact with other
24 prisoners. The department shall run the program with squads of ten and
25 determine a minimum and a maximum size of the total program based on
26 the availability of housing, staff, and demand.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** In addition to the terms of a sentence
2 remanding a first-time offender to a state correctional facility, the
3 court may recommend that the person enter the boot camp program.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** When the court recommends an offender
5 for the boot camp pilot program, the secretary of the department shall
6 assign that offender to the program within seven days of placement in
7 the system. The secretary shall first determine that the offender is
8 eligible for the program, and that there is room for the offender in
9 the program.

10 The secretary may consider and grant individual petitions from
11 first-time offenders that the court did not refer for admission to the
12 program on a space available basis.

13 The secretary shall determine eligibility based on whether the
14 offender suffers from any mental or physical problems which could
15 endanger his or her health, or drastically affect his or her
16 performance in the pilot program.

17 If the secretary determines that the offender can benefit from
18 additional training, the secretary may extend the offender's stay in
19 the program from ninety to one hundred twenty days.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A participant who fails to work
21 diligently and productively at the program or who fails to obey the
22 established rules of behavior may be expelled from the program, and
23 will not earn any good time credits for the time spent in the program.
24 The secretary shall remove the participant to another facility.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The department shall provide an
26 aftercare component for monitoring the offender through the balance of

1 his or her sentence, reinforcing the lessons of the boot camp, and
2 assisting with his or her release into the community.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The department shall keep records and
4 monitor criminal activity and employment placement of the pilot program
5 participants after their release from the program. An outcome
6 evaluation study shall be submitted to the legislature December 1,
7 1995, which shall include a comparison of criminal activity and
8 employment placement records of offenders completing the boot camp
9 pilot program with the criminal activity and employment records of
10 offenders completing other honor camp programs and other commitment
11 time. The pilot program is to be reviewed during the 1996 legislative
12 session to determine its future course.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Sections 2 through 8 of this act are
14 each added to chapter 72.09 RCW.