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1 AN ACT Relating to state employee safety at eastern and western
2 state hospitals; creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The department of labor and industries
5 shall conduct a study to investigate the problems and causes associated
6 with the increasing number of assaults on state employees who work at
7 eastern and western state hospitals. The study will include, but not
8 be limited to, the possible ameliorative actions of increased staffing
9 levels, increased employee training, physical plant improvements,
10 stronger assault statutes, or other criminal justice initiatives. In
11 their study the department shall consult with state employees and their
12 representatives; department of social and health services and hospital
13 management; advocates of the mentally ill; officials of the state's
14 criminal justice system, including local law enforcement and

1 prosecutors; and others with an interest in this issue. The department
2 shall report back to the legislature regarding its findings and
3 recommendations by December 31, 1993.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of two hundred fifty thousand
5 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
6 the biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the
7 department of labor and industries for the purpose of this act.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If any provision of this act or its
9 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
10 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
11 persons or circumstances is not affected.