
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5599

State of Washington

55th Legislature

1997 Regular Session

By Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators McCaslin and Haugen; by request of Attorney General)

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1 AN ACT Relating to training for state investigators; creating a new
2 section; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that there is a
5 need for more coordinated and uniform training and protocols for state
6 investigators. State investigators are employed by numerous state
7 agencies and separately elected offices. Currently there is minimal
8 training on policies and procedures for investigations, enforcement,
9 and scope of duties and responsibilities. It is the intent of the
10 legislature to commission a study group to develop mandatory training,
11 policies, and procedures for state investigators.

12 (2) The study group shall focus on state investigators in the
13 following agencies: Attorney general's office; auditor's office;
14 department of corrections; department of health; department of labor
15 and industries; department of licensing; department of revenue; liquor
16 control board; public disclosure commission; and Washington state
17 patrol.

18 (3) The study group shall consist of: The attorney general; chief
19 of the state patrol; state auditor; one legislator from each caucus of

1 the senate and house of representatives, as appointed by leaders of the
2 caucuses; a representative from the governor's office; two
3 representatives of state agencies appointed by the governor; a
4 representative appointed by the Washington association of prosecuting
5 attorneys; a representative appointed by the Washington association of
6 sheriffs and police chiefs; and a representative appointed by the
7 criminal justice program at Washington State University. The study
8 group shall be cochaired by the attorney general and the chief of the
9 state patrol.

10 (4) The study group shall:

11 (a) Develop minimum ongoing training requirements for state
12 investigators. Training must include education in civil investigations
13 and recognition of crimes for transfer to appropriate law enforcement
14 agencies;

15 (b) Evaluate current training requirements, policies, and
16 procedures for state investigators;

17 (c) Recommend who will provide training, how it will be done, and
18 minimal training requirements;

19 (d) Recommend basic policies and procedures for state
20 investigators;

21 (e) Develop cost estimates for mandatory training;

22 (f) Make recommendations on the scope of duties and
23 responsibilities for state investigators; and

24 (g) Include other issues related to state investigators, as desired
25 by the study group.

26 (5) The study group shall deliver its recommendations to the
27 legislature by February 15, 1998.

28 (6) This section shall expire June 1, 1998.

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