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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl, Long, Hargrove, Franklin, Bauer and Rasmussen)

Brief Title: Requiring a report on alternatives for increasing offender access to postsecondary academic and vocational opportunities.

## SB 5936-S.E - DIGEST

## (DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Directs the department to prepare and submit a report to the legislature not later than December 1, 1998, on alternatives for increasing offender access to postsecondary academic education and vocational opportunities. In preparing the report, the department shall consult with representatives from the community colleges and other educational service providers currently contracting with the department.

Provides that the deductions required under RCW 72.09.480(2) shall not apply to funds received by the department on behalf of an offender for payment of one fee-based education or vocational program that is associated with an inmate's work program or a placement decision made by the department under RCW 72.09.460 to prepare an inmate for work upon release.