

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6389

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Judiciary, January 22, 2010

**Title:** An act relating to membership and rules of procedure for the criminal justice training commission and related boards.

**Brief Description:** Revising membership and rules of procedure for the criminal justice training commission and related boards.

**Sponsors:** Senators Brandland, Kline, Hargrove and Regala; by request of Criminal Justice Training Commission.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Judiciary: 1/22/10 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Kline, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Carrell, Hargrove and Kohl-Welles.

**Staff:** Lidia Mori (786-7755)

**Background:** The Washington State criminal justice training commission was created by statute in 1974 and its purpose is to provide programs and standards for the training of criminal justice personnel. It consists of 14 members, 11 of whom are appointed by the Governor. The remaining three members are the Attorney General, the special agent in charge of the Seattle office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Chief of the Washington State Patrol. Seven members of the commission constitute a quorum and meetings may be called by the chair upon the written request of six of the members.

Two separate training standards and education boards were statutorily credited in 1997, the board on law enforcement training standards and education, and the board on correctional training standards and education. The purposes of the boards are to review and recommend to the commission, programs and standards for the training and education of law enforcement personnel and correctional personnel respectively.

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**Summary of Bill:** A majority of the members of the criminal justice training commission constitute a quorum. Meetings may be called by the chair upon the written request of one-third of the members.

The board on correctional training standards and education consists of 11 members subject to the following requirements: three must be employed in county or city correctional systems and two of these must be currently employed as front line correctional officers; two must be employed in juvenile corrections or probation, one by the state and one by a county or city; two must be employed in community corrections; one must represent community colleges; one must represent four-year colleges and universities; and two must be persons with experience and interest in correctional training standards.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: The criminal justice training commission has had difficulty establishing a quorum from time to time, due to the busy schedules of its members. The change in the bill will make it easier to constitute a quorum. The commission no longer does all the training for the Department of Corrections so removing three of the four members is appropriate.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Dr. Michael Parsons, Criminal Justice Training Commission.