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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2422**

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**By** House Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness (originally sponsored by Representatives Parker, Hurst, Driscoll, Kelley, Dammeier, Schmick, and Ormsby)

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1       AN ACT Relating to escape or disappearance notification  
2 requirements; and amending RCW 10.77.165.

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

4       **Sec. 1.** RCW 10.77.165 and 1993 c 31 s 8 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6       (1) In the event of an escape by a person committed under this  
7 chapter from a state (~~(institution)~~) facility or the disappearance of  
8 such a person on conditional release (~~(to the department of social and~~  
9 ~~health services, the superintendent, or in the event of a disappearance~~  
10 ~~of such a person on conditional release to the department of~~  
11 ~~corrections, the community corrections officer)~~) or other authorized  
12 absence, the superintendent shall provide notification of the person's  
13 escape or disappearance for the public's safety or to assist in the  
14 apprehension of the person.

15       (a) The superintendent shall(~~(, as appropriate,)~~) notify:

16       (i) State and local law enforcement officers(~~(,)~~) located in the  
17 city and county where the person escaped;

18       (ii) Other appropriate governmental agencies(~~(,)~~); and

19       (iii) The person's relatives(~~(, and)~~).

1       (b) The superintendent shall provide the same notification as  
2 required by (a) of this subsection to the following, if such notice has  
3 been requested in writing about a specific person committed under this  
4 chapter:

5       (i) The victim of the crime for which the person was convicted or  
6 the victim's next of kin if the crime was a homicide;

7       (ii) Any witnesses who testified against the person in any court  
8 proceedings if the person was charged with a violent offense; and

9       (iii) Any other appropriate persons ((~~about information necessary~~  
10 ~~for the public safety or to assist in the apprehension of the person~~)).

11       (2) Information regarding victims, next of kin, or witnesses  
12 requesting the notice, information regarding any other person specified  
13 in writing by the prosecuting attorney to receive the notice, and the  
14 notice are confidential and shall not be available to the person  
15 committed under this chapter.

16       (3) The notice provisions of this section are in addition to those  
17 provided in RCW 10.77.205.

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