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1 AN ACT Relating to corrections cost reductions by restriction of
2 adult offender privileges; adding new sections to chapter 72.09 RCW;
3 and creating new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** FINDINGS AND INTENT. (1) The legislature
6 finds that due to the upwardly spiraling cost of housing, maintaining,
7 and supervising inmates in our state corrections facilities, the
8 department of corrections must identify cost-cutting strategies that
9 target waste and inefficiencies while maintaining clear and effective
10 punishment and rehabilitation goals.

11 The legislature further finds that the programs, amenities, and
12 activities available to inmates in our state correctional institutions
13 should reflect the strong moral values and ideals that contribute to
14 the betterment of society and promote good citizenship.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** EXTENDED FAMILY VISITATION. The department
16 shall eliminate all extended family visitation facilities in existing
17 facilities and shall not include extended family visitation facilities

1 or accommodations in any department facilities planned for
2 construction.

3 The department shall establish a family visitation site in each
4 facility that can accommodate monitored nonovernight family visitation.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** OBSCENE, EROTIC, AND VIOLENT MATERIAL. All
6 obscene, erotic, or excessively violent films, video tapes, magazines,
7 books, and any other printed materials, or materials deemed obscene,
8 erotic, or excessively violent shall be prohibited from all
9 correctional facilities and shall be considered contraband and must be
10 removed from the inmates' mail, possession, and cells. In addition,
11 any obscene, erotic, or excessively violent materials shall be removed
12 from the libraries, meeting rooms, and all other areas of the state
13 correctional facilities where inmates may have access to these
14 materials. The only exception for allowing these materials for inmates
15 shall be for the use in treatment or therapy sessions as prescribed by
16 a physician or certified therapist.

17 For the purposes of this section, "obscene, erotic, or excessively
18 violent materials" is defined as: Printed material, photographs,
19 pictures, motion pictures, sound recordings, and any other materials
20 relating to the description or representation of sexual matters, sado-
21 masochistic abuse, or excessive violence.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** CABLE AND CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION. All
23 cable or closed-circuit television shall be prohibited in state
24 correctional facilities unless used expressly for the purpose of
25 education and approved by the superintendent of public instruction. No
26 new correctional facilities or expanded portions of existing state or
27 local facilities shall be constructed with cable or closed-circuit
28 readiness.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** ALLOCATION OF SAVINGS. All funds saved
30 through the cost-cutting measures contained in sections 2 through 4 of
31 this act shall be maintained in a department account and used by the
32 legislature for any combination of the following funding categories:
33 Crime victims' compensation and treatment, prison industries expansion,
34 child-at-risk programs, drugs and alcohol rehabilitation, other state
35 or local criminal justice funding, or a savings account for future

1 criminal justice needs. Placing these savings into the general fund or
2 other funding areas shall be prohibited.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** CODIFICATION. Sections 2 through 5 of this
4 act are each added to chapter 72.09 RCW.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** CAPTIONS. Captions as used in this act
6 shall not constitute any part of the law.

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

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