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1 AN ACT Relating to siting juvenile correctional facilities; adding
2 a new section to chapter 13.40 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the number and
5 severity of crimes committed by juveniles is increasing at an alarming
6 rate. In addition, many more juveniles than ever before are engaging
7 in serious violent crimes and gang-related crimes against persons and
8 property. The legislature further finds that local communities are
9 becoming increasingly concerned about compromising the safety of their
10 neighborhood as a result of siting juvenile correctional facilities.
11 The intent of this legislation is to establish a community-centered,
12 uniform, and appropriate process for siting juvenile correctional
13 facilities in local communities. The juvenile correctional facility
14 siting process shall include the appropriate notification and
15 meaningful input of local community members before any juvenile
16 corrections facility is sited.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 13.40 RCW
18 to read as follows:

1 (1) The department and other state agencies that have
2 responsibility for siting the department's juvenile correctional
3 facilities shall establish a process for early and continuous public
4 participation in establishing or relocating all publicly or privately
5 operated community-based and institutional juvenile correctional
6 facilities. This process shall include advance public notification,
7 public meetings in the local communities affected, opportunities for
8 written and oral comments, and wide dissemination of proposals and
9 alternatives.

10 (2) The department shall establish or relocate a privately or
11 publicly operated community-based or institutional juvenile
12 correctional facility only after holding local public meetings and
13 providing public notification to local communities consistent with this
14 chapter.

15 (3) When the department has selected three or fewer sites for final
16 consideration for site selection of a publicly or privately operated
17 community-based or institutional juvenile correctional facility,
18 notification shall be given and public hearings shall be held in the
19 final three or fewer local communities where the siting is proposed.
20 Additional notification and a public hearing shall also be conducted in
21 the local community selected as the final proposed site, prior to
22 completion of the siting process. All hearings and notifications shall
23 be consistent with this chapter.

24 (4) Throughout this process the department shall provide
25 notification to all newspapers of general circulation in the local area
26 and all local radio stations, television stations, and cable networks.

27 (5) Notice shall also be provided to appropriate school districts,
28 private schools, kindergartens, city and county libraries, and all
29 other local government offices within a one-half mile radius of the
30 proposed facility.

31 (6) In addition, the department shall also provide notice to the
32 local chamber of commerce, local economic development agencies, and any
33 other local organizations that request such notification from the
34 department.

35 (7) Notification in writing shall be provided to all residents and
36 property owners within a one-half mile radius of the proposed site
37 prior to the siting of any privately or community-based or

1 institutional juvenile correctional facility consistent with subsection
2 (3) of this section.

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