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By Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Smith, Fairley, Long, Schow, Sellar, Deccio, Winsley, Roach, McAuliffe and Strannigan)

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1 AN ACT Relating to law enforcement training; adding a new section
2 to chapter 43.101 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs shall
7 assemble a study group to evaluate and make recommendations to the
8 legislature regarding the commission mission, duties, and
9 administration. The commissioners of the commission shall review the
10 study group recommendations for acceptance or modification. The study
11 group shall deliver its recommendations to the legislature by January
12 1, 1997.

13 (2) The study group shall:

14 (a) Review and evaluate the desirability and feasibility of
15 providing basic law enforcement training to preemployed law enforcement
16 officer applicants on a tuition or fee basis;

17 (b) Review and evaluate the adequacy of the commission's four-
18 hundred-forty-hour basic law enforcement academy training program,
19 including general curriculum requirements;

1 (c) Review and evaluate the status of supervisory, management, and
2 advanced training for incumbent law enforcement officers, and the
3 desirability and feasibility of providing the officers with advanced
4 training;

5 (d) Review the desirability and feasibility of certification or
6 licensing of law enforcement officers;

7 (e) Review and evaluate the adequacy of the capital and operating
8 investments made in law enforcement training, make recommendations
9 regarding improvements, and provide documentation of the cost of
10 implementing the improvements;

11 (f) Review and make recommendations regarding funding sources to
12 adequately support all recommendations; and

13 (g) Investigate other issues related to law enforcement training,
14 as desired by the study group.

15 (3) The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs shall
16 assemble the study group from names provided from the following
17 entities or groups: One sheriff; three police chiefs; four
18 representatives from the Washington state council of police officers;
19 two representatives employed by the criminal justice training
20 commission; one police psychologist; one representative from the
21 association of Washington cities; one representative from the
22 Washington association of county officials; one representative from the
23 Washington state association of counties; one representative from a
24 public university; one representative from a public community college;
25 and one legislator from each caucus of the senate and the house of
26 representatives, as appointed by the leaders of the caucuses.

27 (4) The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs shall
28 organize and administer the study group meetings and provide the
29 necessary staff resources to meet the requests of the study group
30 members.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for section 1 of this
32 act, referencing section 1 of this act by bill and section number or
33 chapter and section number, is not provided by June 30, 1996, in the
34 omnibus appropriations act, section 1 of this act is null and void.

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