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1 AN ACT Relating to the monitoring of supervised offenders under the
2 jurisdiction of the state department of corrections; adding a new
3 section to chapter 43.10 RCW; and making appropriations.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.10 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The legislature finds that increased communication between local
8 law enforcement officers and the state department of corrections'
9 community corrections officers improves public safety. Improved public
10 safety is accomplished through shared monitoring and supervision of
11 offenders who live in the community under the jurisdiction of the state
12 department of corrections. Participating local law enforcement
13 agencies and local offices of the state department of corrections have
14 implemented in some areas of the state the supervision management and
15 recidivist tracking program, whereby the entities provide mutual
16 assistance with supervising offenders living within the boundaries of
17 local law enforcement agencies. Through shared information and
18 coordinated supervision, the supervision management and recidivist
19 tracking program has helped local law enforcement solve crimes faster,

1 or has prevented future criminal activity, by reporting offenders'
2 sentence violations to state community corrections officers in a more
3 timely manner. Information collected in the field by local law
4 enforcement related to serious offenders under the jurisdiction of the
5 state department of corrections is electronically transferred to the
6 office of the attorney general's homicide investigative tracking
7 system. Field information entered into the system is electronically
8 transferred to the department of corrections' community corrections
9 officer responsible for the offender and remains in the homicide
10 investigative tracking system, where it is accessible to the department
11 of corrections and law enforcement throughout the state. Expansion of
12 the supervision management and recidivist tracking program state-wide
13 is needed to improve public safety for all law-abiding citizens in the
14 state.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of four hundred thousand dollars for
16 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and the sum of four hundred
17 thousand dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, or as much
18 thereof as may be necessary, are appropriated from the general fund to
19 the office of the attorney general. The amounts in this section are
20 provided solely for completing the state-wide implementation of the
21 supervision management and recidivist tracking program.

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