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1 AN ACT Relating to creating a pilot program for gender-responsive
2 and trauma-informed outpatient substance abuse treatment; and adding
3 a new section to chapter 72.09 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 72.09
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Subject to appropriations, the department shall develop and
8 implement a pilot program for gender-responsive and trauma-informed
9 outpatient substance abuse treatment at the Washington corrections
10 center for women. The pilot program shall be designed to address the
11 unique risks and needs that lead to addiction and criminal behavior
12 in women. The pilot program shall be strength-based and healing-
13 centered, and incorporate concepts of personal power, recovery,
14 healing, and self-efficacy.

15 (2) The purpose of the pilot program is to provide a safe
16 environment for positive change, reduce posttraumatic stress
17 symptoms, increase successful coping strategies, and reduce the
18 likelihood of future criminal justice involvement and substance
19 abuse.

20 (3) The pilot program established under this section shall use
21 evidence-based practices to address substance abuse, trauma, and

1 mental health issues through comprehensive, integrated, and
2 culturally relevant services including, but not limited to:

- 3 (a) Treatment groups and treatment community meetings;
- 4 (b) Mindfulness and healing practices;
- 5 (c) Social skills workshops;
- 6 (d) Individual case management;
- 7 (e) Independent skill practice and study;
- 8 (f) Transition groups and services;
- 9 (g) Positive recovery activities;
- 10 (h) Acts of service; and
- 11 (i) Family engagement activities.

12 (4) To the extent possible, the services provided through the
13 pilot program shall be included in the individual's reentry plan
14 under RCW 72.09.270 to ensure continuity of care and successful
15 reintegration into the community.

16 (5) By December 1, 2021, the department shall provide a report to
17 the governor and relevant legislative committees on the results and
18 findings from the pilot program.

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