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By House Committee on Corrections (originally sponsored by Representatives Ballasiotes, Dyer, Radcliff, Lambert, D. Schmidt, Blanton, Robertson, L. Thomas, Elliot, McMahan and Thompson)

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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 or contracting for the department's juvenile
3 correctional facilities shall establish a process for early and
4 continuous public participation in establishing or relocating all
5 publicly or privately operated community-based and institutional
6 juvenile correctional facilities. This process shall include advance
7 public notification, public meetings in the local communities affected,
8 opportunities for written and oral comments, and wide dissemination of
9 proposals and alternatives. Prior to initiating this process, the
10 department shall contact local government planning agencies in the
11 communities containing the proposed juvenile correctional facility
12 sites. The department shall coordinate with local government agencies
13 to ensure that opportunities are provided for effective citizen input
14 and to reduce duplication of notice and meetings.

15 (2) The department shall establish or relocate a privately or
16 publicly operated community-based or institutional juvenile
17 correctional facility only after holding local public meetings and
18 providing public notification to local communities consistent with this
19 section. Public meetings and notice required by local ordinance can be
20 substituted for this requirement if they provide notification and
21 opportunities for public input consistent with this section. A
22 representative from the department shall be present at all public
23 hearings held pursuant to this section, including any meeting required
24 by local ordinance.

25 (3) When the department has selected three or fewer sites for final
26 consideration for site selection of a publicly or privately operated
27 community-based or institutional juvenile correctional facility, or has
28 entered into negotiations with a provider of a contracted juvenile
29 correctional facility, notification shall be given and public hearings
30 shall be held in the final three or fewer local communities where the
31 siting is proposed. Additional notification and a public hearing shall
32 also be conducted in the local community selected as the final proposed
33 site, prior to completion of the siting process. All hearings and
34 notifications shall be consistent with this chapter.

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

38 (5) Notice shall also be provided to appropriate school districts,
39 private schools, kindergartens, city and county libraries, and all

1 other local government offices within a one-half mile radius of the
2 proposed facility.

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

7 (7) Notification in writing shall be provided to all residents and
8 property owners within a one-half mile radius of the proposed site
9 prior to the siting of any privately or community-based or
10 institutional juvenile correctional facility consistent with subsection
11 (3) of this section.

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