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**SENATE BILL 6142**

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**State of Washington 68th Legislature 2024 Regular Session**

**By** Senators MacEwen and Torres

AN ACT Relating to prosecution and public defense funding; and adding a new section to chapter 36.26 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 36.26 RCW to read as follows:

By July 1, 2027, counties shall provide equal amounts of local funding for prosecuting crimes and public defense services provided in their respective jurisdictions. During the 2023-2025 and 2025-2027 biennia, any cost increases for public defense costs above expenditures on the effective date of this section shall be paid out of the state general fund.

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