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1 AN ACT Relating to supporting first responder wellness and peer
2 support; amending RCW 5.60.060; amending 2023 c 475 s 218
3 (uncodified); adding new sections to chapter 43.101 RCW; and
4 providing an expiration date.

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

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

8 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
9 specific purpose, the commission shall convene a task force on first
10 responder wellness in Washington state. To the extent possible, the
11 membership of the task force should include representatives that
12 reflect the diversity of the first responder professions, including
13 diversity in geography, gender, sexuality, and race.

14 (2) The first responder wellness task force shall be cochaired by
15 the executive director of the commission, or the executive director's
16 designee, and a representative of the fire service, and consist of
17 the following additional membership:

18 (a) Two members from each of the following professions:

- 19 (i) Emergency medical services frontline providers;
20 (ii) Emergency dispatchers; and
21 (iii) Jail corrections officers;

- 1 (b) One member from each of the following entities:
- 2 (i) The Washington council of police and sheriffs;
- 3 (ii) The Washington state fraternal order of police;
- 4 (iii) The Washington state patrol troopers association;
- 5 (iv) The Washington state patrol lieutenants and captains
- 6 association;
- 7 (v) The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs;
- 8 (vi) The Washington state council of firefighters;
- 9 (vii) The Washington fire chiefs association;
- 10 (viii) The Washington state firefighters' association;
- 11 (ix) The department of labor and industries;
- 12 (x) The state board for volunteer firefighters and reserve
- 13 officers;
- 14 (xi) The state chapter of the association of public safety
- 15 communications officials;
- 16 (xii) The state chapter of the national emergency number
- 17 association; and
- 18 (xiii) International brotherhood of teamsters local 117;
- 19 (c) One member representing the interests of tribal law
- 20 enforcement officers and agencies;
- 21 (d) One member from the University of Washington department of
- 22 psychiatry and behavioral sciences, who has implemented a regional
- 23 state-funded law enforcement officer wellness program;
- 24 (e) One member from the Washington federation of state employees,
- 25 representing the interests of the department of corrections'
- 26 community corrections officers;
- 27 (f) The chief of the Washington state patrol, or the chief's
- 28 designee;
- 29 (g) The secretary of the department of corrections, or the
- 30 secretary's designee; and
- 31 (h) Any other members that the commission determines should
- 32 participate in the task force to represent the interests of first
- 33 responders.
- 34 (3) The commission shall convene the initial meeting of the task
- 35 force no later than December 1, 2024.
- 36 (4) At a minimum, the task force shall meet quarterly.
- 37 (5) The task force shall:
- 38 (a) Monitor the implementation of this act;
- 39 (b) Evaluate the findings and recommendations of the task force
- 40 on law enforcement officer mental health and wellness in Washington

1 state as established under chapter 327, Laws of 2020 (SSB 6570), and
2 determine ways in which the task force on first responder wellness
3 may continue developing upon the recommendations of the task force on
4 law enforcement officer mental health and wellness; and

5 (c) Make recommendations to improve first responder wellness
6 across the first responder professions in the state.

7 (6)(a) The task force shall also develop and publish model
8 policies for first responder peer support services tailored to the
9 following first responder professions:

- 10 (i) Law enforcement officers;
- 11 (ii) Firefighters;
- 12 (iii) Emergency medical services frontline providers;
- 13 (iv) Emergency dispatchers; and
- 14 (v) Corrections officers.

15 (b) The task force must design the model policies to support
16 efforts to establish and expand peer support services opportunities
17 and networks for the professions specified under (a) of this
18 subsection, and to develop best practices and resources for peer
19 supporters from those professions.

20 (c) In developing the model policies, the task force must obtain
21 the services of an organization with expertise in peer emotional
22 support and peer workforce development to provide technical
23 assistance.

24 (d) The task force must publish the model policies by December
25 31, 2025.

26 (7) Beginning December 1, 2025, the task force shall submit an
27 annual report to the legislature on the status of its work.

28 (8) This section expires December 31, 2028.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101
30 RCW to read as follows:

31 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
32 specific purpose, the commission shall contract with an organization
33 with expertise in peer emotional support and peer workforce
34 development to develop and administer a 40-hour training program for
35 first responder peer supporters. The contracting organization must
36 have prior experience developing peer support training for first
37 responders in the state.

38 (2) The contracting organization must engage in in-depth
39 consultation with law enforcement officers, corrections officers,

1 firefighters, emergency services dispatchers or recordkeepers, and
2 emergency medical personnel when developing the training program, and
3 compensate the first responders for their consultation.

4 (3) A portion of the training program's curriculum must be
5 relevant to all first responder professions, and a portion must be
6 specifically curated to address the unique needs of each first
7 responder profession.

8 (4) The contracting organization must complete development of the
9 training program and begin administering it by August 1, 2025.

10 (5) The contracting organization must utilize current or retired
11 first responders as cotrainers to deliver the training program.

12 (6) For the purposes of this section:

13 (a) "First responder" has the same meaning as defined in RCW
14 5.60.060; and

15 (b) "Peer supporter" has the same meaning as defined in RCW
16 5.60.060.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
20 specific purpose, the commission shall contract with an organization
21 with expertise in mental health and substance use disorder counseling
22 and treatment of first responders to develop and administer training
23 for mental health and substance use disorder professionals to
24 engender familiarity and cultural competency in the treatment of
25 first responder clients.

26 (2) The contracting organization must consult with mental health
27 professionals, substance use disorder professionals, law enforcement
28 officers, corrections officers, firefighters, emergency services
29 dispatchers or recordkeepers, and emergency medical personnel when
30 developing the training.

31 (3) The contracting organization may develop the training to have
32 in-person, virtual, and hybrid participation options to expand
33 availability and accessibility of the training.

34 (4) The commission must direct the contracting organization to
35 offer a set number of training opportunities annually as determined
36 by the commission, provided free of charge, to mental health and
37 substance use disorder professionals who are interested in treating
38 first responder clients.

1 (5) For the purposes of this section, "first responder" has the
2 same meaning as defined in RCW 5.60.060.

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

5 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
6 specific purpose, the commission shall contract with an organization
7 that provides free and confidential crisis response and referral
8 services for Washington state active and retired first responders and
9 their families, to develop and maintain:

10 (a) A first responder peer support network, which may include
11 individual and group support options to help first responder peer
12 supporters address the vicarious trauma and secondary traumatic
13 stress incurred by performing their peer support duties; and

14 (b) A directory of licensed mental health and substance use
15 disorder professionals who have cultural competency, experience, and
16 training with treating first responders, which must indicate whether
17 such professionals have completed the training established under
18 section 3 of this act.

19 (2) The commission may also contract with an organization with
20 expertise in peer emotional support and peer workforce development to
21 provide technical assistance in developing the first responder peer
22 support network described in subsection (1)(a) of this section.

23 (3) For the purposes of this section:

24 (a) "First responder" has the same meaning as defined in RCW
25 5.60.060; and

26 (b) "Peer supporters" has the same meaning as defined in RCW
27 5.60.060.

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

30 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
31 specific purpose, the commission shall establish and administer a
32 grant program to provide funding to first responder entities and
33 agencies for the implementation or expansion of peer support services
34 programs.

35 (2) Any first responder entity or agency that receives funding
36 through the grant program must:

1 (a) Ensure that every peer supporter designated by the entity or
2 agency enrolls in and completes the 40-hour training program
3 established under section 2 of this act after it is made available;

4 (b) Compensate every peer supporter designated by the entity or
5 agency for their services in that role; and

6 (c) Provide information to every peer supporter designated by the
7 entity or agency about the first responder peer support network
8 established under section 4(1)(a) of this act.

9 (3) For the purposes of this section:

10 (a) "First responder" has the same meaning as defined in RCW
11 5.60.060; and

12 (b) "Peer supporter" has the same meaning as defined in RCW
13 5.60.060.

14 **Sec. 6.** RCW 5.60.060 and 2023 c 202 s 2 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 (1) A spouse or domestic partner shall not be examined for or
17 against his or her spouse or domestic partner, without the consent of
18 the spouse or domestic partner; nor can either during marriage or
19 during the domestic partnership or afterward, be without the consent
20 of the other, examined as to any communication made by one to the
21 other during the marriage or the domestic partnership. But this
22 exception shall not apply to a civil action or proceeding by one
23 against the other, nor to a criminal action or proceeding for a crime
24 committed by one against the other, nor to a criminal action or
25 proceeding against a spouse or domestic partner if the marriage or
26 the domestic partnership occurred subsequent to the filing of formal
27 charges against the defendant, nor to a criminal action or proceeding
28 for a crime committed by said spouse or domestic partner against any
29 child of whom said spouse or domestic partner is the parent or
30 guardian, nor to a proceeding under chapter 71.05 or 71.09 RCW:
31 PROVIDED, That the spouse or the domestic partner of a person sought
32 to be detained under chapter 71.05 or 71.09 RCW may not be compelled
33 to testify and shall be so informed by the court prior to being
34 called as a witness.

35 (2)(a) An attorney or counselor shall not, without the consent of
36 his or her client, be examined as to any communication made by the
37 client to him or her, or his or her advice given thereon in the
38 course of professional employment.

1 (b) A parent or guardian of a minor child arrested on a criminal
2 charge may not be examined as to a communication between the child
3 and his or her attorney if the communication was made in the presence
4 of the parent or guardian. This privilege does not extend to
5 communications made prior to the arrest.

6 (3) A member of the clergy, a Christian Science practitioner
7 listed in the Christian Science Journal, or a priest shall not,
8 without the consent of a person making the confession or sacred
9 confidence, be examined as to any confession or sacred confidence
10 made to him or her in his or her professional character, in the
11 course of discipline enjoined by the church to which he or she
12 belongs.

13 (4) Subject to the limitations under RCW 71.05.217 (6) and (7), a
14 physician or surgeon or osteopathic physician or surgeon or podiatric
15 physician or surgeon shall not, without the consent of his or her
16 patient, be examined in a civil action as to any information acquired
17 in attending such patient, which was necessary to enable him or her
18 to prescribe or act for the patient, except as follows:

19 (a) In any judicial proceedings regarding a child's injury,
20 neglect, or sexual abuse or the cause thereof; and

21 (b) Ninety days after filing an action for personal injuries or
22 wrongful death, the claimant shall be deemed to waive the physician-
23 patient privilege. Waiver of the physician-patient privilege for any
24 one physician or condition constitutes a waiver of the privilege as
25 to all physicians or conditions, subject to such limitations as a
26 court may impose pursuant to court rules.

27 (5) A public officer shall not be examined as a witness as to
28 communications made to him or her in official confidence, when the
29 public interest would suffer by the disclosure.

30 (6) (a) A peer (~~((support group counselor))~~) supporter shall not,
31 without consent of the peer support (~~((group client))~~) services
32 recipient making the communication, be compelled to testify about any
33 communication made to the (~~((counselor))~~) peer supporter by the peer
34 support (~~((group client))~~) services recipient while receiving
35 (~~((counseling))~~) individual or group services. The (~~((counselor))~~) peer
36 supporter must be designated as such by (~~((the))~~) their employing
37 agency (~~((employing the peer support group client))~~) prior to the
38 incident that results in (~~((counseling))~~) services. The privilege only
39 applies when the communication was made to the (~~((counselor))~~) peer
40 supporter while acting in his or her capacity as a peer (~~((support~~

1 ~~group counselor~~) supporter. The privilege applies regardless of
2 whether the peer support services recipient is an employee of the
3 same agency as the peer supporter. The privilege does not apply if
4 the (~~counselor~~) peer supporter was an initial responding first
5 responder, department of corrections staff person, or jail staff
6 person; a witness; or a party to the incident which prompted the
7 delivery of peer support (~~group counseling~~) services to the peer
8 support (~~group client~~) services recipient.

9 (b) For purposes of this section:

10 (i) "First responder" means:

11 (A) A law enforcement officer;

12 (B) A limited authority law enforcement officer;

13 (C) A firefighter;

14 (D) An emergency services dispatcher or recordkeeper;

15 (E) Emergency medical personnel, as licensed or certified by this
16 state; or

17 (F) A member or former member of the Washington national guard
18 acting in an emergency response capacity pursuant to chapter 38.52
19 RCW.

20 (ii) "Law enforcement officer" means a general authority
21 Washington peace officer as defined in RCW 10.93.020.

22 (iii) "Limited authority law enforcement officer" means a limited
23 authority Washington peace officer as defined in RCW 10.93.020 who is
24 employed by the department of corrections, state parks and recreation
25 commission, department of natural resources, liquor and cannabis
26 board, or Washington state gambling commission.

27 (iv) "Peer support (~~group client~~) services recipient" means:

28 (A) A first responder;

29 (B) A department of corrections staff person; or

30 (C) A jail staff person.

31 (v) "Peer (~~support group counselor~~) supporter" means:

32 (A) A first responder, retired first responder, department of
33 corrections staff person, or jail staff person or a civilian employee
34 of a first responder entity or agency, local jail, or state agency
35 who has received training to provide emotional and moral support and
36 (~~counseling~~) services to a peer support (~~group client~~) services
37 recipient who needs those services as a result of an incident in
38 which the peer support (~~group client~~) services recipient was
39 involved while acting in his or her official capacity or to deal with

1 other stress that is impacting the peer support services recipient's
2 performance of official duties; or

3 (B) A nonemployee counselor who has been designated by the first
4 responder entity or agency, local jail, or state agency to provide
5 emotional and moral support and counseling to a peer support ((group
6 ~~client~~)) services recipient who needs those services as a result of
7 an incident in which the peer support ((group ~~client~~)) services
8 recipient was involved while acting in his or her official capacity.

9 (7) A sexual assault advocate may not, without the consent of the
10 victim, be examined as to any communication made between the victim
11 and the sexual assault advocate.

12 (a) For purposes of this section, "sexual assault advocate" means
13 the employee or volunteer from a community sexual assault program or
14 underserved populations provider, victim assistance unit, program, or
15 association, that provides information, medical or legal advocacy,
16 counseling, or support to victims of sexual assault, who is
17 designated by the victim to accompany the victim to the hospital or
18 other health care facility and to proceedings concerning the alleged
19 assault, including police and prosecution interviews and court
20 proceedings.

21 (b) A sexual assault advocate may disclose a confidential
22 communication without the consent of the victim if failure to
23 disclose is likely to result in a clear, imminent risk of serious
24 physical injury or death of the victim or another person. Any sexual
25 assault advocate participating in good faith in the disclosing of
26 records and communications under this section shall have immunity
27 from any liability, civil, criminal, or otherwise, that might result
28 from the action. In any proceeding, civil or criminal, arising out of
29 a disclosure under this section, the good faith of the sexual assault
30 advocate who disclosed the confidential communication shall be
31 presumed.

32 (8) A domestic violence advocate may not, without the consent of
33 the victim, be examined as to any communication between the victim
34 and the domestic violence advocate.

35 (a) For purposes of this section, "domestic violence advocate"
36 means an employee or supervised volunteer from a community-based
37 domestic violence program or human services program that provides
38 information, advocacy, counseling, crisis intervention, emergency
39 shelter, or support to victims of domestic violence and who is not
40 employed by, or under the direct supervision of, a law enforcement

1 agency, a prosecutor's office, or the child protective services
2 section of the department of children, youth, and families as defined
3 in RCW 26.44.020.

4 (b) A domestic violence advocate may disclose a confidential
5 communication without the consent of the victim if failure to
6 disclose is likely to result in a clear, imminent risk of serious
7 physical injury or death of the victim or another person. This
8 section does not relieve a domestic violence advocate from the
9 requirement to report or cause to be reported an incident under RCW
10 26.44.030(1) or to disclose relevant records relating to a child as
11 required by RCW 26.44.030(15). Any domestic violence advocate
12 participating in good faith in the disclosing of communications under
13 this subsection is immune from liability, civil, criminal, or
14 otherwise, that might result from the action. In any proceeding,
15 civil or criminal, arising out of a disclosure under this subsection,
16 the good faith of the domestic violence advocate who disclosed the
17 confidential communication shall be presumed.

18 (9) A mental health counselor, independent clinical social
19 worker, or marriage and family therapist licensed under chapter
20 18.225 RCW may not disclose, or be compelled to testify about, any
21 information acquired from persons consulting the individual in a
22 professional capacity when the information was necessary to enable
23 the individual to render professional services to those persons
24 except:

25 (a) With the written authorization of that person or, in the case
26 of death or disability, the person's personal representative;

27 (b) If the person waives the privilege by bringing charges
28 against the mental health counselor licensed under chapter 18.225
29 RCW;

30 (c) In response to a subpoena from the secretary of health. The
31 secretary may subpoena only records related to a complaint or report
32 under RCW 18.130.050;

33 (d) As required under chapter 26.44 or 74.34 RCW or RCW 71.05.217
34 (6) or (7); or

35 (e) To any individual if the mental health counselor, independent
36 clinical social worker, or marriage and family therapist licensed
37 under chapter 18.225 RCW reasonably believes that disclosure will
38 avoid or minimize an imminent danger to the health or safety of the
39 individual or any other individual; however, there is no obligation
40 on the part of the provider to so disclose.

1 (10) An individual who acts as a sponsor providing guidance,
2 emotional support, and counseling in an individualized manner to a
3 person participating in an alcohol or drug addiction recovery
4 fellowship may not testify in any civil action or proceeding about
5 any communication made by the person participating in the addiction
6 recovery fellowship to the individual who acts as a sponsor except
7 with the written authorization of that person or, in the case of
8 death or disability, the person's personal representative.

9 (11)(a) Neither a union representative nor an employee the union
10 represents or has represented shall be examined as to, or be required
11 to disclose, any communication between an employee and union
12 representative or between union representatives made in the course of
13 union representation except:

14 (i) To the extent such examination or disclosure appears
15 necessary to prevent the commission of a crime that is likely to
16 result in a clear, imminent risk of serious physical injury or death
17 of a person;

18 (ii) In actions, civil or criminal, in which the represented
19 employee is accused of a crime or assault or battery;

20 (iii) In actions, civil or criminal, where a union member is a
21 party to the action, the union member may obtain a copy of any
22 statement previously given by that union member concerning the
23 subject matter of the action and may elicit testimony concerning such
24 statements. The right of the union member to obtain such statements,
25 or the union member's possession of such statements, does not render
26 them discoverable over the objection of the union member;

27 (iv) In actions, regulatory, civil, or criminal, against the
28 union or its affiliated, subordinate, or parent bodies or their
29 agents; or

30 (v) When an admission of, or intent to engage in, criminal
31 conduct is revealed by the represented union member to the union
32 representative.

33 (b) The privilege created in this subsection (11) does not apply
34 to any record of communications that would otherwise be subject to
35 disclosure under chapter 42.56 RCW.

36 (c) The privilege created in this subsection (11) may not
37 interfere with an employee's or union representative's applicable
38 statutory mandatory reporting requirements, including but not limited
39 to duties to report in chapters 26.44, 43.101, and 74.34 RCW.

40 (d) For purposes of this subsection:

1 (i) "Employee" means a person represented by a certified or
2 recognized union regardless of whether the employee is a member of
3 the union.

4 (ii) "Union" means any lawful organization that has as one of its
5 primary purposes the representation of employees in their employment
6 relations with employers, including without limitation labor
7 organizations defined by 29 U.S.C. Sec. 152(5) and 5 U.S.C. Sec.
8 7103(a)(4), representatives defined by 45 U.S.C. Sec. 151, and
9 bargaining representatives defined in RCW 41.56.030, and employee
10 organizations as defined in RCW 28B.52.020, 41.59.020, 41.80.005,
11 41.76.005, 47.64.011, and 53.18.010.

12 (iii) "Union representation" means action by a union on behalf of
13 one or more employees it represents in regard to their employment
14 relations with employers, including personnel matters, grievances,
15 labor disputes, wages, rates of pay, hours of employment, conditions
16 of work, or collective bargaining.

17 (iv) "Union representative" means a person authorized by a union
18 to act for the union in regard to union representation.

19 (v) "Communication" includes any oral, written, or electronic
20 communication or document containing such communication.

21 **Sec. 7.** 2023 c 475 s 218 (uncodified) is amended to read as
22 follows:

23 **FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION**

24	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2024)	\$53,805,000
25	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2025)	\$50,466,000
26	General Fund—Private/Local Appropriation	\$11,970,000
27	Death Investigations Account—State Appropriation	\$1,708,000
28	Municipal Criminal Justice Assistance Account—State	
29	Appropriation	\$460,000
30	Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority Account—	
31	State Appropriation	\$7,167,000
32	Washington Internet Crimes Against Children Account—	
33	State Appropriation	\$2,270,000
34	24/7 Sobriety Account—State Appropriation	\$20,000
35	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$127,866,000

36 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
37 conditions and limitations:

1 (1) \$5,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
2 year 2024 and \$5,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
3 fiscal year 2025 are provided to the Washington association of
4 sheriffs and police chiefs solely to verify the address and residency
5 of registered sex offenders and kidnapping offenders under RCW
6 9A.44.130.

7 (2) Funding in this section is sufficient for 75 percent of the
8 costs of providing 23 statewide basic law enforcement trainings in
9 each fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025. The criminal justice
10 training commission must schedule its funded classes to minimize wait
11 times throughout each fiscal year and meet statutory wait time
12 requirements. The criminal justice training commission must track and
13 report the average wait time for students at the beginning of each
14 class and provide the findings in an annual report to the legislature
15 due in December of each year. At least three classes must be held in
16 Spokane each year.

17 (3) The criminal justice training commission may not run a basic
18 law enforcement academy class of fewer than 30 students.

19 (4) \$2,270,000 of the Washington internet crimes against children
20 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the implementation
21 of chapter 84, Laws of 2015.

22 (5) \$4,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
23 year 2024 and \$4,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
24 fiscal year 2025 are provided solely for the mental health field
25 response team program administered by the Washington association of
26 sheriffs and police chiefs. The association must distribute
27 \$7,000,000 in grants to the phase one and phase two regions as
28 outlined in the settlement agreement under *Trueblood, et. al. v.*
29 *Department of Social and Health Services, et. al.*, U.S. District
30 Court-Western District, Cause No. 14-cv-01178-MJP. The association
31 must submit an annual report to the Governor and appropriate
32 committees of the legislature by September 1st of each year of the
33 biennium. The report shall include best practice recommendations on
34 law enforcement and behavioral health field response and include
35 outcome measures on all grants awarded.

36 (6) \$899,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
37 year 2024 and \$899,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
38 fiscal year 2025 are provided solely for crisis intervention training
39 for the phase one regions as outlined in the settlement agreement

1 under *Trueblood, et. al. v. Department of Social and Health Services,*
2 *et. al.,* U.S. District Court-Western District, Cause No. 14-cv-01178-
3 MJP.

4 (7) \$1,598,000 of the death investigations account—state
5 appropriation is provided solely for the commission to provide 240
6 hours of medicolegal forensic investigation training to coroners and
7 medical examiners to meet the recommendations of the national
8 commission on forensic science for certification and accreditation.

9 (8) \$346,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
10 year 2024 is provided solely for implementation of chapter 321, Laws
11 of 2021 (officer duty to intervene).

12 (9) \$30,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
13 year 2024 and \$30,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
14 fiscal year 2025 are provided solely for additional grants to local
15 jurisdictions to investigate instances where a purchase or transfer
16 of a firearm was attempted by an individual who is prohibited from
17 owning or possessing a firearm.

18 (10) \$2,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
19 fiscal year 2024 and \$2,500,000 of the general fund—state
20 appropriation for fiscal year 2025 are provided solely for the
21 criminal justice training commission to provide grant funding to
22 local law enforcement agencies to support law enforcement wellness
23 programs. Of the amount provided in this subsection:

24 (a) \$1,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
25 year 2024 and \$1,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
26 fiscal year 2025 are provided solely for the commission to provide
27 grants to local law enforcement and corrections agencies for the
28 purpose of establishing officer wellness programs. Grants provided
29 under this subsection may be used for, but not limited to building
30 resilience, injury prevention, peer support programs, physical
31 fitness, proper nutrition, stress management, suicide prevention, and
32 physical or behavioral health services. The commission must consult
33 with a representative from the Washington association of sheriffs and
34 police chiefs and a representative of the Washington state fraternal
35 order of police and the Washington council of police and sheriffs in
36 the development of the grant program.

37 (b) \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
38 year 2024 and \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
39 fiscal year 2025 are provided solely for the Washington association

1 of sheriffs and police chiefs to establish and coordinate an online
2 or mobile-based application for any Washington law enforcement
3 officer; 911 operator or dispatcher; and any other current or retired
4 employee of a Washington law enforcement agency, and their families,
5 to anonymously access on-demand wellness techniques, suicide
6 prevention, resilience, physical fitness, nutrition, and other
7 behavioral health and wellness supports.

8 (11) \$290,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
9 year 2024 and \$290,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
10 fiscal year 2025 are provided solely for academy training for limited
11 authority Washington peace officers employed by the Washington state
12 gambling commission, Washington state liquor and cannabis board,
13 Washington state parks and recreation commission, department of
14 natural resources, and the office of the insurance commissioner.

15 (a) Up to 30 officers must be admitted to attend the basic law
16 enforcement academy and up to 30 officers must be admitted to attend
17 basic law enforcement equivalency academy.

18 (b) Allocation of the training slots amongst the agencies must be
19 based on the earliest application date to the commission. Training
20 does not need to commence within six months of employment.

21 (c) The state agencies must reimburse the commission for the
22 actual cost of training.

23 (12) \$6,687,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
24 fiscal year 2024 and \$4,668,000 of the general fund—state
25 appropriation for fiscal year 2025 are provided solely to establish
26 and provide basic law enforcement academy classes at three new
27 regional training academies, one in Pasco, one in Skagit county, and
28 one in Clark county. Funding in this subsection is sufficient for 75
29 percent of the costs of providing six classes per year beginning in
30 fiscal year 2024. The criminal justice training commission must
31 schedule its funded classes to minimize wait times throughout each
32 fiscal year and meet statutory wait time requirements. The criminal
33 justice training commission must track and report the average wait
34 time for students at the beginning of each class and provide the
35 findings in an annual report to the legislature due in December of
36 each year. The six classes per year are in addition to the classes in
37 subsection (2) of this section.

38 (13) \$150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
39 year 2024 is provided solely for the criminal justice training

1 commission to develop plans for increasing training capacity. The
2 planning process should include engagement with limited law
3 enforcement agencies, tribal law enforcement representatives, and
4 local law enforcement agencies and representatives. The criminal
5 justice training commission will provide recommendations to the
6 governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature in a
7 preliminary report due November 15, 2023, and in a final report due
8 September 30, 2024. The reports should include the following:

9 (a) Identifying the demand for additional basic law enforcement
10 academy courses to support law enforcement agencies and develop a
11 proposal to meet any identified training needs, including basic law
12 enforcement academy and advanced training needs;

13 (b) A plan for how to provide basic law enforcement academy
14 training to limited law enforcement officers and tribal law
15 enforcement officers, including providing additional capacity for
16 training classes. The plan should also consider alternatives for
17 distribution of the costs of the training course; and

18 (c) A plan for providing at least two basic law enforcement
19 training academy classes per year to candidates who are not yet
20 employed with a law enforcement agency. The plan should, at a
21 minimum, include the following:

22 (i) A recruitment strategy that emphasizes recruitment of diverse
23 candidates from different geographic areas of the state; diverse
24 race, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation; and candidates with
25 diverse backgrounds and experiences including nontraditional
26 educational programs or work experience;

27 (ii) Pathways from training to employment with a law enforcement
28 agency; and

29 (iii) Plans to address capacity for and delivery of training.

30 (14) \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
31 fiscal year 2024 and \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state
32 appropriation for fiscal year 2025 are provided solely for the
33 criminal justice training commission to provide accreditation
34 incentive awards.

35 (a) The commission may provide an accreditation incentive award
36 totaling up to \$50,000 to each law enforcement agency that receives
37 an accreditation during the fiscal biennium from a national or state
38 accrediting entity recognized by the commission. The commission must
39 divide award amounts provided pursuant to this section equally among
40 qualifying law enforcement agencies. A law enforcement agency may not

1 receive more than one accreditation incentive award per fiscal
2 biennium. Funds received by a law enforcement agency pursuant to this
3 subsection must be made available to the law enforcement agency to
4 which they are awarded and may not supplant or replace existing
5 funding received by the law enforcement agency.

6 (b) The commission must submit a report to the legislature by
7 June 30th of each fiscal year during the biennium that lists each law
8 enforcement agency that received an accreditation incentive award
9 during the fiscal year.

10 (15) \$1,085,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
11 fiscal year 2024 and \$1,040,000 of the general fund—state
12 appropriation for fiscal year 2025 are provided solely for
13 implementation of Second Substitute House Bill No. 1028 (crime
14 victims & witnesses). If the bill is not enacted by June 30, 2023,
15 the amounts provided in this subsection shall lapse.

16 (16) \$236,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
17 year 2024 and \$226,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
18 fiscal year 2025 are provided solely for implementation of Substitute
19 House Bill No. 1132 (limited authority officers). If the bill is not
20 enacted by June 30, 2023, the amounts provided in this subsection
21 shall lapse.

22 (17) \$1,200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
23 fiscal year 2024 and \$400,000 of the general fund—state appropriation
24 for fiscal year 2025 are provided solely for body camera grant
25 funding to local law enforcement agencies.

26 (a) The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs
27 shall develop and implement a body-worn camera grant program. The
28 purpose of the program is to assist law enforcement agencies to
29 establish and expand body-worn camera programs.

30 (b) Law enforcement agencies may use the grants for: (i) The
31 initial purchase, maintenance, and replacement of body-worn cameras;
32 (ii) ongoing costs related to the maintenance and storage of data
33 recorded by body worn cameras; (iii) costs associated with public
34 records requests for body worn-camera footage; and (iv) hiring of
35 personnel necessary to operate a body-worn camera program.

36 (c) The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs
37 shall develop and implement a grant application process and review
38 applications from agencies based on locally developed proposals to
39 establish or expand body-worn camera programs.

1 (d) Law enforcement agencies that are awarded grants must:
2 (i) Comply with the provisions of chapter 10.109 RCW;
3 (ii) Demonstrate the ability to redact body-worn camera footage
4 consistent with RCW 42.56.240 and other applicable provisions;
5 (iii) Provide training to officers who will wear body-worn
6 cameras and other personnel associated with implementation of the
7 body-worn camera program; and
8 (iv) Agree to comply with any data collection and reporting
9 requirements that are established by the Washington association of
10 sheriffs and police chiefs.
11 (e) The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs must
12 submit an annual report regarding the grant program to the governor
13 and appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1st of each
14 year the program is funded. The report must be submitted in
15 compliance with RCW 43.01.036.
16 (18) \$381,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
17 year 2024 and \$628,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
18 fiscal year 2025 are provided solely for implementation of Engrossed
19 Second Substitute House Bill No. 1715 (domestic violence). If the
20 bill is not enacted by June 30, 2023, the amounts provided in this
21 subsection shall lapse.

(End of Bill)

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