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**SENATE BILL 6142**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senators MacEwen and Torres

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

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.26  
5 RCW to read as follows:

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

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