
SENATE BILL 5418

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By Senators Thorsness, Rasmussen, Nelson and Talmadge.

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1 AN ACT Relating to criminal justice; adding new sections to chapter
2 10.98 RCW; creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature, in pursuit of the goal
5 of public safety, recognizes the importance of communication between
6 law enforcement entities and the state-wide coordination of criminal
7 justice services. In recognition of the importance of public safety,
8 the legislature hereby creates a work group to be modeled and named
9 after the interagency criminal justice work group, established by
10 Executive Order 81-15.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 10.98 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 (1) The interagency criminal justice work group is established.
14 Its duties include the following:

1 (a) Identify and make recommendations on issues which are problems
2 for state and local law enforcement;

3 (b) Provide a coordinated interagency system for prison population
4 forecasting and projection, with staff provided by the office of
5 financial management;

6 (c) Provide for the sharing of information on which operational
7 decisions can be made;

8 (d) Meet at least on a quarterly basis;

9 (e) Develop immediate and long-range plans for alleviating prison
10 and jail overcrowding; and

11 (f) By December 1 of each year, provide to the law and justice
12 committee of the senate, the judiciary committee of the house of
13 representatives, and the governor an annual report regarding the issues
14 identified and policy recommendations.

15 (2) The interagency criminal justice work group consists of the
16 following individuals:

17 (a) The administrator for the courts or his or her designee;

18 (b) The director of the office of financial management or his or
19 her designee;

20 (c) The director of the Washington state patrol or his or her
21 designee;

22 (d) The secretary of the department of corrections or his or her
23 designee;

24 (e) The director of the sentencing guidelines commission or his or
25 her designee;

26 (f) The director of the division of juvenile rehabilitation of the
27 department of social and health services or his or her designee;

28 (g) The chairperson of the indeterminate sentence review board or
29 his or her designee;

30 (h) A representative from the superior court judges association;

1 (i) A representative from the Washington association of prosecuting
2 attorneys; and

3 (j) A representative from the Washington association of sheriffs
4 and police chiefs.

5 (3) The work group shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson
6 to serve annual terms. Subcommittees may be formed as needed. The
7 work group shall provide minutes of their meetings to the office of the
8 governor, to the law and justice committee of the senate, and to the
9 judiciary committee of the house of representatives. The work group is
10 authorized to enter executive session for discussion of policy
11 recommendations when, by recorded vote of the majority of the work
12 group present, public discussion of facts and opinions would inhibit
13 the candor of the group. No documents presented during executive
14 session are exempt from public disclosure laws.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of thirty thousand dollars, or
16 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the general
17 fund for the biennium ending June 30, 1993, to the interagency criminal
18 justice work group to carry out the purposes of this act. If needed,
19 the work group may hire a staff person into an exempt position.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 10.98 RCW
21 to read as follows:

22 The interagency criminal justice work group shall cease to exist
23 July 1, 1996.