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1 AN ACT Relating to the department of corrections; adding new
2 sections to chapter 72.09 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 many first-time
5 criminal offenders who enter the prison system learn more how to commit
6 additional crimes than to lead disciplined, law-abiding lives.

7 The legislature further finds that many offenders are in trouble
8 because they are not self-controlled enough to ultimately achieve
9 worthwhile goals. These offenders frequently lack systematic work
10 habits, respect for the person and property of others, and the ability
11 to deal with authority figures.

12 The legislature intends that offenders who enter the state prison
13 system for the first time have the opportunity to live and work in an
14 environment that will promote self-discipline, respect, personal
15 accountability, and a sound work ethic with the purpose of making them
16 more likely to become productive, contributing citizens in society.

17 Therefore, the legislature establishes a pilot one hundred twenty-
18 day boot camp program within the corrections system that can serve as
19 a model to local corrections programs. This boot camp program shall

1 provide adequate time for evaluation of offenders, keep first-time
2 offenders from exposure to long-term inmates, ease state-wide prison
3 crowding, and provide offenders with structures and resources for
4 maintaining long-term positive lifestyle changes.

5 For the purposes of this section, "first-time offender" means a
6 person who is committed to the department of corrections for the first
7 time.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires
9 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply to sections 2 through
10 8 of this act.

11 (1) "Department" means the department of corrections.

12 (2) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of
13 corrections.

14 (3) "First-time offender" means a person who is committed to the
15 department of corrections for the first time.

16 (4) "Program" means the pilot boot camp program created under
17 section 3 of this act.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The secretary shall establish by January 31,
19 1994, a pilot boot camp program located within the corrections system.
20 The program must serve as the entrance step to one selected honor camp
21 where the offender shall complete his or her term of incarceration upon
22 successful completion of the program. The program must be for a
23 minimum of one hundred twenty days, and include training patterned
24 after the training received in a United States military boot camp or
25 other state's criminal offender boot camp program.

26 The program must provide intensive physical training and work
27 projects, strict dress and appearance codes, GED and computer
28 education, alcohol and drug treatment and rehabilitation, preemployment
29 and prerelease training, and family-parenting training for first-time
30 offenders. The boot camp program must be located in a self-contained
31 unit either within an honor camp where only offenders who have
32 successfully graduated from the program are serving or in a location
33 where the participants may not have contact with other prisoners. The
34 department shall run the program and determine a minimum and a maximum
35 size of the total program based on the availability of housing, staff,
36 and demand.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** In addition to the terms of a sentence
2 remanding a first-time offender to a state correctional facility, the
3 court may recommend that the person enter the program if adequate space
4 is available. The sentencing court has the discretion to extend the
5 total time served in the program up to one hundred eighty days.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** If the court recommends an offender for the
7 program, the secretary shall determine if the offender is eligible for
8 the program, that there is room for the offender in the program, and
9 assign that offender to the program within twenty-one days of placement
10 in the system. The secretary may consider and grant individual
11 petitions from first-time offenders that the court did not refer for
12 admission to the program on a space-available basis.

13 The secretary shall determine eligibility based on whether the
14 offender has a desire to enter the program and intent to comply with
15 the strict requirements imposed in the program, and whether the
16 offender has a disability that could endanger his or her health or
17 substantially affect his or her ability to perform in the program.

18 If the secretary determines that the offender would benefit from
19 additional training, the secretary may extend the offender's stay in
20 the program up to one hundred eighty days.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A participant who fails to work diligently
22 and productively at the program or who fails to obey the established
23 rules of behavior may be expelled from the program and may not earn
24 good time credits for the time spent in the program. The secretary
25 shall remove the participant to another facility.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** After an offender is released from the
27 program, the department shall provide an aftercare component for
28 monitoring the offender through the balance of his or her sentence,
29 reinforcing the lessons of the program, and assisting with his or her
30 release into the community.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The department shall keep records and
32 monitor criminal activity and employment placement of the program
33 participants after their release from the program. An outcome
34 evaluation study must be submitted to the legislature December 1, 1996,
35 which must include a comparison of criminal activity and employment

1 placement records of offenders completing the program with the criminal
2 activity and employment records of offenders completing other honor
3 camp programs and other commitment time.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Sections 2 through 8 of this act are each
5 added to chapter 72.09 RCW.

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