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By Representatives Morris, Long, L. Johnson, Holm, Ogden, Quall and Talcott

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1 AN ACT Relating to juvenile institutions; and creating new
2 sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that
5 prevocational and vocational education programs provided in juvenile
6 institutions can provide the juvenile offenders with marketable work
7 ethics and job skills, and that the corresponding increase in self-
8 esteem could facilitate their successful reintegration into the
9 community. In addition, meaningful juvenile institution work programs
10 can promote the development of job readiness and lower the cost of
11 incarceration by producing products and services needed within the
12 juvenile institutional system.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of social and health services
14 shall review the vocational education curriculum, facilities, and
15 teaching personnel in all juvenile residential programs and report to
16 the legislature by December 12, 1994. The report shall include an
17 assessment of the number and types of vocational programs currently
18 available, and the status of buildings, teaching personnel, and

1 equipment currently used for vocational training. The report shall
2 also contain an action plan for implementing a state-wide uniform
3 prevocational and vocational education program, including but not
4 limited to, a projection of the need for the programs for both female
5 and male juvenile offenders, the number of students that could benefit
6 from the programs, projected vocational trade needs, physical plant
7 modifications or building needs, equipment needs, teaching personnel
8 needs, and estimated costs. In addition, the report shall identify how
9 the department can develop vocational programs jointly with trade
10 associations, trade unions, and other state, local, and federal
11 agencies. The department shall also identify businesses and industries
12 potentially interested in working with the program.

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