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1 AN ACT Relating to juvenile offenders; adding new sections to
2 chapter 28A.190 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that juvenile crimes
5 are increasing significantly and at disproportionate rates in virtually
6 every county in Washington regardless of size or location. The
7 increasingly serious nature of the crimes these young offenders are
8 committing is resulting in a growing number of juvenile offenders being
9 committed for longer sentences in our juvenile institutions.

10 The legislature intends that, while young offenders are in the
11 custody of the department of social and health services, additional
12 measures should be used to successfully rehabilitate these young
13 offenders and provide them with the opportunity and give them the
14 responsibility to become useful and productive members of the
15 community.

16 The legislature recognizes that prevocational and vocational
17 education programs offered in juvenile institutions can provide
18 juvenile offenders with marketable work ethics and job skills, and that
19 the corresponding increase in self-esteem could facilitate their

1 successful reintegration into the community. In addition, meaningful
2 juvenile institution work programs can promote the development of job
3 readiness and lower the cost of incarceration by producing products and
4 services needed within the juvenile institutional system.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.190
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 When providing educational programs for residential schools,
8 pursuant to RCW 28A.190.030, prevocational and vocational training
9 shall be provided by school districts as a regular part of the teaching
10 curriculum to residents in the following schools: Echo Glen children's
11 center, Green Hill school, Maple Lane school, Mission Creek Youth Camp,
12 and Naselle Youth Camp. Work-based learning opportunities, consisting
13 of live work, shall be offered in conjunction with the prevocational
14 and vocational juvenile rehabilitation education curriculum program in
15 all of the above institutions.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.190
17 RCW to read as follows:

18 The secretary of the department of social and health services, in
19 conjunction with local school districts, may develop vocational and
20 prevocational training programs and work-based learning programs in
21 accordance with section 2 of this act, with private sector
22 organizations, including but not limited to trade unions, trade
23 associations, and with appropriate governmental agencies.

24 All funds gained by the work-based learning programs shall be
25 deposited in a separate department of social and health services fund
26 and used by the department of social and health services to offset the
27 cost of developing and implementing the prevocational, vocational, and
28 work-based learning programs.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The department of social and health services
30 shall review the progress of the juvenile offender prevocational and
31 vocational training program and report to the legislature by December
32 12, 1995. The report shall also include an assessment of the impact of
33 expanding prevocational and vocational training to other juvenile

- 1 residential facilities and an action plan for the vocational training
- 2 program expansion.

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