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1 AN ACT Relating to public access to judges' sentencing and bail-
2 setting decisions; and adding a new section to chapter 2.56 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 2.56 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The administrator for the courts shall prepare and distribute
7 a reporting form to record whenever a criminal sentencing or bail-
8 setting decision is made by a judge. A report using the form shall be
9 compiled monthly by a judge who makes a sentencing or bail-setting
10 decision in a felony case.

11 (2) The form shall indicate:

12 (a) The judge's name, position, and term of office;

13 (b) The crime involved in each case reported;

14 (c) With respect to bail decisions, whether bail was denied or set,
15 and if set, what the amount was; and

16 (d) With respect to sentencing decisions:

17 (i) The length of an incarceration ordered and whether and to what
18 extent it departs from the presumptive range called for by the
19 sentencing reform act;

1 (ii) The amount of any fine imposed;
2 (iii) The amount of any restitution ordered; and
3 (iv) Other information as the administrator for the courts may
4 require.

5 (3) The report for each judge in a court shall be available in the
6 office of the clerk of the court for public inspection by the fifth of
7 the month following the month covered by the report.

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