### CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2791

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55th Legislature 1998 Regular Session

METHAMPHETAMINE -- CLEAN UP OF SITES

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Passed by the House March 7, 1998 Yeas 95 Nays 1

### CLYDE BALLARD

# Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate March 4, 1998 Yeas 38 Nays 10

#### CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2791** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

# BRAD OWEN

# President of the Senate

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN

Chief Clerk

Approved March 20, 1998, with the exception of section 1, which is vetoed.

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# AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By Representatives Schoesler, Doumit, Sheahan, Ballasiotes, Radcliff, Sump, Sullivan, Mielke, Buck, Alexander, Boldt, Sterk, Crouse, Smith, Van Luven, Hickel, Koster, Mulliken, Johnson, Wensman, D. Sommers, Backlund and DeBolt

Read first time 01/20/98. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections.

- AN ACT Relating to methamphetamine; amending RCW 70.105D.070;
- 2 reenacting and amending RCW 9.94A.030; and creating a new section.
- \*Sec. 1. RCW 9.94A.030 and 1997 c 365 s 1, 1997 c 340 s 4, 1997 c
  4 339 s 1, 1997 c 338 s 2, 1997 c 144 s 1, and 1997 c 70 s 1 are each
- 5 reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- 6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in 7 this section apply throughout this chapter.
- 8 (1) "Collect," or any derivative thereof, "collect and remit," or
- 9 "collect and deliver," when used with reference to the department of
- 10 corrections, means that the department is responsible for monitoring
- 11 and enforcing the offender's sentence with regard to the legal
- 12 financial obligation, receiving payment thereof from the offender, and,
- 13 consistent with current law, delivering daily the entire payment to the
- 14 superior court clerk without depositing it in a departmental account.
- 15 (2) "Commission" means the sentencing guidelines commission.
- 16 (3) "Community corrections officer" means an employee of the
- 17 department who is responsible for carrying out specific duties in
- 18 supervision of sentenced offenders and monitoring of sentence
- 19 conditions.

- (4) "Community custody" means that portion of an inmate's sentence 1 2 of confinement in lieu of earned early release time or imposed pursuant 3 to RCW 9.94A.120 (6), (8), or (10) served in the community subject to 4 controls placed on the inmate's movement and activities by the 5 department of corrections.
- (5) "Community placement" means that period during which the 6 7 offender is subject to the conditions of community custody and/or 8 postrelease supervision, which begins either upon completion of the 9 term of confinement (postrelease supervision) or at such time as the 10 offender is transferred to community custody in lieu of earned early Community placement may consist of entirely community 11 12 custody, entirely postrelease supervision, or a combination of the two.
- 13 "Community service" means compulsory service, compensation, performed for the benefit of the community by the 14 15 offender.
- (7) "Community supervision" means a period of time during which a convicted offender is subject to crime-related prohibitions and other sentence conditions imposed by a court pursuant to this chapter or RCW 19 16.52.200(6) or 46.61.524. For first-time offenders, the supervision may include crime-related prohibitions and other conditions imposed pursuant to RCW 9.94A.120(5). For purposes of the interstate compact for out-of-state supervision of parolees and probationers, RCW 9.95.270, community supervision is the functional equivalent of probation and should be considered the same as probation by other states.
- 26 (8) "Confinement" means total or partial confinement as defined in 27 this section.
  - (9) "Conviction" means an adjudication of quilt pursuant to Titles 10 or 13 RCW and includes a verdict of guilty, a finding of guilty, and acceptance of a plea of guilty.
- (10) "Court-ordered legal financial obligation" means a sum of 31 money that is ordered by a superior court of the state of Washington 32 for legal financial obligations which may include restitution to the 33 34 victim, statutorily imposed crime victims' compensation fees as 35 assessed pursuant to RCW 7.68.035, court costs, county or interlocal drug funds, court-appointed attorneys' fees, and costs of defense, 36 37 fines, and any other financial obligation that is assessed to the offender as a result of a felony conviction. Upon conviction for 38 39 vehicular assault while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or

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any drug, RCW 46.61.522(1)(b), or vehicular homicide while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug, RCW 46.61.520(1)(a), legal financial obligations may also include payment to a public agency of the expense of an emergency response to the incident resulting in the conviction, subject to the provisions in RCW 38.52.430.

- (11) "Crime-related prohibition" means an order of a court prohibiting conduct that directly relates to the circumstances of the crime for which the offender has been convicted, and shall not be construed to mean orders directing an offender affirmatively to participate in rehabilitative programs or to otherwise perform affirmative conduct. However, affirmative acts necessary to monitor compliance with the order of a court may be required by the department.
- (12) "Criminal history" means the list of a defendant's prior convictions and juvenile adjudications, whether in this state, in federal court, or elsewhere. The history shall include, where known, for each conviction (a) whether the defendant has been placed on probation and the length and terms thereof; and (b) whether the defendant has been incarcerated and the length of incarceration.
- (13) "Day fine" means a fine imposed by the sentencing judge that equals the difference between the offender's net daily income and the reasonable obligations that the offender has for the support of the offender and any dependents.
- (14) "Day reporting" means a program of enhanced supervision designed to monitor the defendant's daily activities and compliance with sentence conditions, and in which the defendant is required to report daily to a specific location designated by the department or the sentencing judge.
  - (15) "Department" means the department of corrections.
- (16) "Determinate sentence" means a sentence that states with exactitude the number of actual years, months, or days of total confinement, of partial confinement, of community supervision, the number of actual hours or days of community service work, or dollars or terms of a legal financial obligation. The fact that an offender through "earned early release" can reduce the actual period of confinement shall not affect the classification of the sentence as a determinate sentence.
  - (17) "Disposable earnings" means that part of the earnings of an individual remaining after the deduction from those earnings of any amount required by law to be withheld. For the purposes of this

- 1 definition, "earnings" means compensation paid or payable for personal
- 2 services, whether denominated as wages, salary, commission, bonuses, or
- 3 otherwise, and, notwithstanding any other provision of law making the
- 4 payments exempt from garnishment, attachment, or other process to
- 5 satisfy a court-ordered legal financial obligation, specifically
- 6 includes periodic payments pursuant to pension or retirement programs,
- 7 or insurance policies of any type, but does not include payments made
- 8 under Title 50 RCW, except as provided in RCW 50.40.020 and 50.40.050,
- 9 or Title 74 RCW.
- 10 (18) "Drug offense" means:
- (a) Any felony violation of chapter 69.50 RCW except possession of a controlled substance (RCW 69.50.401(d)) or forged prescription for a
- 13 controlled substance (RCW 69.50.403);
- 14 (b) Any offense defined as a felony under federal law that relates
- 15 to the possession, manufacture, distribution, or transportation of a
- 16 controlled substance; or
- 17 (c) Any out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws
- 18 of this state would be a felony classified as a drug offense under (a)
- 19 of this subsection.
- 20 **(19)** "Escape" means:
- 21 (a) Escape in the first degree (RCW 9A.76.110), escape in the
- 22 second degree (RCW 9A.76.120), willful failure to return from furlough
- 23 (RCW 72.66.060), willful failure to return from work release (RCW
- 24 72.65.070), or willful failure to be available for supervision by the
- 25 department while in community custody (RCW 72.09.310); or
- 26 (b) Any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that
- 27 under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as an escape
- 28 under (a) of this subsection.
- 29 (20) "Felony traffic offense" means:
- 30 (a) Vehicular homicide (RCW 46.61.520), vehicular assault (RCW
- 31 46.61.522), eluding a police officer (RCW 46.61.024), or felony hit-
- 32 and-run injury-accident (RCW 46.52.020(4)); or
- 33 (b) Any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that
- 34 under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as a felony
- 35 traffic offense under (a) of this subsection.
- 36 (21) "Fines" means the requirement that the offender pay a specific
- 37 sum of money over a specific period of time to the court.
- 38 (22) "First-time offender" means any person who is convicted of a
- 39 felony (a) not classified as a violent offense or a sex offense under

- 1 this chapter, or (b) that is not the manufacture, delivery, or
- 2 possession with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance
- 3 classified in schedule I or II that is a narcotic drug, nor the
- 4 manufacture, delivery, or possession with intent to deliver
- 5 methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers as
- 6 defined in RCW 69.50.206(d)(2), nor the selling for profit of any
- 7 controlled substance or counterfeit substance classified in schedule I,
- 8 RCW 69.50.204, except leaves and flowering tops of marihuana, who
- 9 previously has never been convicted of a felony in this state, federal
- 10 court, or another state, and who has never participated in a program of
- 11 deferred prosecution for a felony offense.
- 12 (23) "Most serious offense" means any of the following felonies or
- 13 a felony attempt to commit any of the following felonies, as now
- 14 existing or hereafter amended:
- 15 (a) Any felony defined under any law as a class A felony or
- 16 criminal solicitation of or criminal conspiracy to commit a class A
- 17 felony;
- (b) Assault in the second degree;
- (c) Assault of a child in the second degree;
- 20 (d) Child molestation in the second degree;
- 21 (e) Controlled substance homicide;
- 22 (f) Extortion in the first degree;
- 23 (g) Incest when committed against a child under age fourteen;
- 24 (h) Indecent liberties;
- 25 (i) Kidnapping in the second degree;
- 26 (j) Leading organized crime;
- 27 (k) Manslaughter in the first degree;
- 28 (1) Manslaughter in the second degree;
- 29 (m) Manufacture or possession of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine with
- 30 <u>intent to manufacture methamphetamine in or near a residence in which</u>
- 31 <u>a minor or a pregnant woman resides;</u>
- 32 <u>(n)</u> Promoting prostitution in the first degree;
- $((\frac{n}{n}))$  (o) Rape in the third degree;
- (((0))) (p) Robbery in the second degree;
- $((\frac{p}{p}))$  (g) Sexual exploitation;
- $((\frac{q}{q}))$  (r) Vehicular assault;
- $((\frac{r}{r}))$  (s) Vehicular homicide, when proximately caused by the
- 38 driving of any vehicle by any person while under the influence of

- intoxicating liquor or any drug as defined by RCW 46.61.502, or by the operation of any vehicle in a reckless manner;
- $((\frac{s}{s}))$  (t) Any other class B felony offense with a finding of sexual motivation, as "sexual motivation" is defined under this section;
- 6  $((\frac{t}{t}))$  (u) Any other felony with a deadly weapon verdict under RCW 9.94A.125;
- 8 ((\(\frac{(u)}{u}\))) (v) Any felony offense in effect at any time prior to
  9 December 2, 1993, that is comparable to a most serious offense under
  10 this subsection, or any federal or out-of-state conviction for an
  11 offense that under the laws of this state would be a felony classified
  12 as a most serious offense under this subsection;
- $((\frac{\langle v \rangle}{\langle v \rangle}))$  (w)(i) A prior conviction for indecent liberties under RCW 9A.88.100(1) (a), (b), and (c), chapter 260, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess.
- as it existed until July 1, 1979, RCW 9A.44.100(1) (a), (b), and (c) as
- 16 it existed from July 1, 1979, until June 11, 1986, and RCW 9A.44.100(1)
- 17 (a), (b), and (d) as it existed from June 11, 1986, until July 1, 1988;
- 18 (ii) A prior conviction for indecent liberties under RCW
- 19 9A.44.100(1)(c) as it existed from June 11, 1986, until July 1, 1988,
- 20 if: (A) The crime was committed against a child under the age of
- 21 fourteen; or (B) the relationship between the victim and perpetrator is
- 22 included in the definition of indecent liberties under RCW
- 23 9A.44.100(1)(c) as it existed from July 1, 1988, through July 27, 1997,
- 24 or RCW 9A.44.100(1) (d) or (e) as it existed from July 25, 1993,
- 25 through July 27, 1997.
- 26 (24) "Nonviolent offense" means an offense which is not a violent 27 offense.
- 28 "Offender" means a person who has committed a felony established by state law and is eighteen years of age or older or is 29 30 less than eighteen years of age but whose case is under superior court 31 jurisdiction under RCW 13.04.030 or has been transferred by the appropriate juvenile court to a criminal court pursuant to RCW 32 33 13.40.110. Throughout this chapter, the terms "offender" and 34 "defendant" are used interchangeably.
- 35 (26) "Partial confinement" means confinement for no more than one 36 year in a facility or institution operated or utilized under contract 37 by the state or any other unit of government, or, if home detention or 38 work crew has been ordered by the court, in an approved residence, for 39 a substantial portion of each day with the balance of the day spent in

- the community. Partial confinement includes work release, home detention, work crew, and a combination of work crew and home detention as defined in this section.
  - (27) "Persistent offender" is an offender who:

- (a)(i) Has been convicted in this state of any felony considered a
  most serious offense; and
- (ii) Has, before the commission of the offense under (a) of this subsection, been convicted as an offender on at least two separate occasions, whether in this state or elsewhere, of felonies that under the laws of this state would be considered most serious offenses and would be included in the offender score under RCW 9.94A.360; provided that of the two or more previous convictions, at least one conviction must have occurred before the commission of any of the other most serious offenses for which the offender was previously convicted; or
- (b)(i) Has been convicted of: (A) Rape in the first degree, rape of a child in the first degree, child molestation in the first degree, rape in the second degree, rape of a child in the second degree, or indecent liberties by forcible compulsion; (B) murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, homicide by abuse, kidnapping in the first degree, kidnapping in the second degree, assault in the first degree, assault in the second degree, assault of a child in the first degree, or burglary in the first degree, with a finding of sexual motivation; or (C) an attempt to commit any crime listed in this subsection (27)(b)(i); and
- (ii) Has, before the commission of the offense under (b)(i) of this subsection, been convicted as an offender on at least one occasion, whether in this state or elsewhere, of an offense listed in (b)(i) of this subsection. A conviction for rape of a child in the first degree constitutes a conviction under subsection (27)(b)(i) only when the offender was sixteen years of age or older when the offender committed the offense. A conviction for rape of a child in the second degree constitutes a conviction under subsection (27)(b)(i) only when the offender was eighteen years of age or older when the offender committed the offense.
- (28) "Postrelease supervision" is that portion of an offender's community placement that is not community custody.
- (29) "Restitution" means the requirement that the offender pay a specific sum of money over a specific period of time to the court as

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- payment of damages. The sum may include both public and private costs.

  The imposition of a restitution order does not preclude civil redress.
  - (30) "Serious traffic offense" means:

- 4 (a) Driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug (RCW 46.61.502), actual physical control while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug (RCW 46.61.504), reckless driving (RCW 46.61.500), or hit-and-run an attended vehicle (RCW 46.52.020(5)); or
- 9 (b) Any federal, out-of-state, county, or municipal conviction for 10 an offense that under the laws of this state would be classified as a 11 serious traffic offense under (a) of this subsection.
- 12 (31) "Serious violent offense" is a subcategory of violent offense 13 and means:
- (a) Murder in the first degree, homicide by abuse, murder in the second degree, manslaughter in the first degree, assault in the first degree, kidnapping in the first degree, or rape in the first degree, assault of a child in the first degree, or an attempt, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy to commit one of these felonies; or
- 20 (b) Any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that 21 under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as a serious 22 violent offense under (a) of this subsection.
- (32) "Sentence range" means the sentencing court's discretionary range in imposing a nonappealable sentence.
- 25 (33) "Sex offense" means:
- (a) A felony that is a violation of chapter 9A.44 RCW or RCW 9A.64.020 or 9.68A.090 or a felony that is, under chapter 9A.28 RCW, a criminal attempt, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy to commit such crimes;
- 30 (b) A felony with a finding of sexual motivation under RCW 31 9.94A.127 or 13.40.135; or
- (c) Any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as a sex offense under (a) of this subsection.
- 35 (34) "Sexual motivation" means that one of the purposes for which 36 the defendant committed the crime was for the purpose of his or her 37 sexual gratification.
- 38 (35) "Total confinement" means confinement inside the physical 39 boundaries of a facility or institution operated or utilized under

- contract by the state or any other unit of government for twenty-four hours a day, or pursuant to RCW 72.64.050 and 72.64.060.
- (36) "Transition training" means written and verbal instructions and assistance provided by the department to the offender during the two weeks prior to the offender's successful completion of the work ethic camp program. The transition training shall include instructions in the offender's requirements and obligations during the offender's period of community custody.
- (37) "Victim" means any person who has sustained emotional, psychological, physical, or financial injury to person or property as a direct result of the crime charged.
  - (38) "Violent offense" means:

- (a) Any of the following felonies, as now existing or hereafter amended: Any felony defined under any law as a class A felony or an attempt to commit a class A felony, criminal solicitation of or criminal conspiracy to commit a class A felony, manslaughter in the first degree, manslaughter in the second degree, indecent liberties if committed by forcible compulsion, kidnapping in the second degree, arson in the second degree, assault in the second degree, assault of a child in the second degree, extortion in the first degree, robbery in the second degree, drive-by shooting, vehicular assault, and vehicular homicide, when proximately caused by the driving of any vehicle by any person while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug as defined by RCW 46.61.502, or by the operation of any vehicle in a reckless manner;
- (b) Any conviction for a felony offense in effect at any time prior to July 1, 1976, that is comparable to a felony classified as a violent offense in (a) of this subsection; and
- (c) Any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as a violent offense under (a) or (b) of this subsection.
  - (39) "Work crew" means a program of partial confinement consisting of civic improvement tasks for the benefit of the community of not less than thirty-five hours per week that complies with RCW 9.94A.135. The civic improvement tasks shall have minimal negative impact on existing private industries or the labor force in the county where the service or labor is performed. The civic improvement tasks shall not affect employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities contracted through sheltered workshops as defined in RCW 82.04.385.

- Only those offenders sentenced to a facility operated or utilized under 1 contract by a county or the state are eligible to participate on a work 2 3 crew. Offenders sentenced for a sex offense as defined in subsection 4 (33) of this section are not eligible for the work crew program.
  - (40) "Work ethic camp" means an alternative incarceration program designed to reduce recidivism and lower the cost of corrections by requiring offenders to complete a comprehensive array of real-world job and vocational experiences, character-building work ethics training, life management skills development, substance abuse rehabilitation, counseling, literacy training, and basic adult education.
- (41) "Work release" means a program of partial confinement 11 available to offenders who are employed or engaged as a student in a 12 regular course of study at school. Participation in work release shall 13 14 be conditioned upon the offender attending work or school at regularly defined hours and abiding by the rules of the work release facility.
- "Home detention" means a program of partial confinement 16 available to offenders wherein the offender is confined in a private 17 residence subject to electronic surveillance. 18
- 19 \*Sec. 1 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.
- 20 RCW 70.105D.070 and 1997 c 406 s 5 are each amended to read as follows: 21
- 22 (1) The state toxics control account and the local toxics control 23 account are hereby created in the state treasury.

(2) The following moneys shall be deposited into the state toxics

- 25 control account: (a) Those revenues which are raised by the tax imposed under RCW 82.21.030 and which are attributable to that portion 26 27 of the rate equal to thirty-three one-hundredths of one percent; (b)
- the costs of remedial actions recovered under this chapter or chapter 28
- 70.105A RCW; (c) penalties collected or recovered under this chapter; 29
- 30 and (d) any other money appropriated or transferred to the account by
- the legislature. Moneys in the account may be used only to carry out 31
- the purposes of this chapter, including but not limited to the 32
- following activities: 33

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- (i) The state's responsibility for hazardous waste planning, 34
- 35 management, regulation, enforcement, technical assistance, and public
- education required under chapter 70.105 RCW; 36

- 1 (ii) The state's responsibility for solid waste planning, 2 management, regulation, enforcement, technical assistance, and public 3 education required under chapter 70.95 RCW;
- 4 (iii) The hazardous waste cleanup program required under this 5 chapter;
  - (iv) State matching funds required under the federal cleanup law;
- 7 (v) Financial assistance for local programs in accordance with 8 chapters 70.95, 70.95C, 70.95I, and 70.105 RCW;
- 9 (vi) State government programs for the safe reduction, recycling, 10 or disposal of hazardous wastes from households, small businesses, and 11 agriculture;
- 12 (vii) Hazardous materials emergency response training;
- 13 (viii) Water and environmental health protection and monitoring 14 programs;
- 15 (ix) Programs authorized under chapter 70.146 RCW;

- 16 (x) A public participation program, including regional citizen 17 advisory committees;
- (xi) Public funding to assist potentially liable persons to pay for 18 19 the costs of remedial action in compliance with cleanup standards under 20 RCW 70.105D.030(2)(e) but only when the amount and terms of such funding are established under a settlement agreement under RCW 21 70.105D.040(4) and when the director has found that the funding will 22 23 achieve both (A) a substantially more expeditious or enhanced cleanup 24 than would otherwise occur, and (B) the prevention or mitigation of 25 unfair economic hardship; and
- 26 (xii) Development and demonstration of alternative management 27 technologies designed to carry out the top two hazardous waste 28 management priorities of RCW 70.105.150.
- 29 (3) The following moneys shall be deposited into the local toxics 30 control account: Those revenues which are raised by the tax imposed 31 under RCW 82.21.030 and which are attributable to that portion of the 32 rate equal to thirty-seven one-hundredths of one percent.
- (a) Moneys deposited in the local toxics control account shall be used by the department for grants or loans to local governments for the following purposes in descending order of priority: (i) Remedial actions; (ii) hazardous waste plans and programs under chapter 70.105 RCW; ((and)) (iii) solid waste plans and programs under chapters 70.95, 70.95C, 70.95I, and 70.105 RCW; and (iv) funds for a program to assist in the assessment and cleanup of sites of methamphetamine production,

- 1 but not to be used for the initial containment of such sites,
- 2 consistent with the responsibilities and intent of RCW 69.50.511.
- 3 Funds for plans and programs shall be allocated consistent with the
- 4 priorities and matching requirements established in chapters 70.105,
- 5 70.95C, 70.95I, and 70.95 RCW.
- 6 (b) Funds may also be appropriated to the department of health to
- 7 implement programs to reduce testing requirements under the federal
- 8 safe drinking water act for public water systems. The department of
- 9 health shall reimburse the account from fees assessed under RCW
- 10 70.119A.115 by June 30, 1995.
- 11 (4) Except for unanticipated receipts under RCW 43.79.260 through
- 12 43.79.282, moneys in the state and local toxics control accounts may be
- 13 spent only after appropriation by statute.
- 14 (5) One percent of the moneys deposited into the state and local
- 15 toxics control accounts shall be allocated only for public
- 16 participation grants to persons who may be adversely affected by a
- 17 release or threatened release of a hazardous substance and to not-for-
- 18 profit public interest organizations. The primary purpose of these
- 19 grants is to facilitate the participation by persons and organizations
- 20 in the investigation and remedying of releases or threatened releases
- 21 of hazardous substances and to implement the state's solid and
- 22 hazardous waste management priorities. No grant may exceed sixty
- 23 thousand dollars. Grants may be renewed annually. Moneys appropriated
- 24 for public participation from either account which are not expended at
- 25 the close of any biennium shall revert to the state toxics control
- 26 account.
- 27 (6) No moneys deposited into either the state or local toxics
- 28 control account may be used for solid waste incinerator feasibility
- 29 studies, construction, maintenance, or operation.
- 30 (7) The department shall adopt rules for grant or loan issuance and
- 31 performance.
- 32 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** If this act mandates an increased level of
- 33 service by local governments, the local government may, under RCW
- 34 43.135.060 and chapter 4.92 RCW, submit claims for reimbursement by the
- 35 legislature. The claims shall be subject to verification by the office
- 36 of financial management.

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Passed the Senate March 4, 1998.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1998, with the exception of certain items that were vetoed.

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- 1 Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:
- "I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 1,
  3 Engrossed House Bill No. 2791 entitled:
- 4 "AN ACT Relating to methamphetamine;"

 Section 1 of EHB 2791 defines as a "strike," under the Persistent Offender Accountability Act, the manufacture or possession of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine with intent to manufacture methamphetamine, when that crime occurs in or near a residence where a minor or pregnant woman resides. As I noted in vetoing a similar provision last year, we should not stray from the original intent of the three strikes law; the "strike" category should be reserved for the most serious violent and sex offenses, not for drug offenses. As dangerous as "meth labs" are, making possession of constituent chemicals a "strike" does little to protect public safety and opens the door to future inappropriate expansion of the "strike" list to other nonviolent conduct.

In addition, section 1 of EHB 2791 would not make it a "strike" to operate a "meth lab," only to possess the precursor chemicals from which methamphetamine is made with intent to use them for that purpose. Someone who is starting up a "meth lab" would be committing a "strike," while someone closing it down after producing the drug would not be. Moreover, it would be very difficult years from now, when offenders might be subject to life sentences on the third "strike," to identify the past cases in which a child or pregnant woman may have been present.

Representatives of law enforcement organizations have urged caution against the tendency to overreact with bills about crime. They believe it is more effective, and does more for public safety, to increase sentences for specific crimes in a measured, proportional way. That is what I proposed to the Legislature and signed into law today: House Bill No. 2628, doubling the standard sentence range for manufacturing methamphetamine.

For these reasons, I have vetoed section 1 of Engrossed House Bill No. 2791. With the exception of section 1, I am approving Engrossed House Bill No. 2791."

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