

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SSB 5987

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Authorizing the Washington state department of corrections to develop training for corrections personnel.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Regala, Hargrove and Shin; by request of Department of Corrections).

**Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections**  
**House Committee on Human Services**

**Background:** The Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) provides basic corrections training, law enforcement training, and educational programs for criminal justice personnel, including commissioned officers, corrections officers, fire marshals, and prosecuting attorneys.

"Basic corrections officer training" is required of all state and local government corrections personnel. The training consists of a 160-hour program covering a wide variety of subjects, including proper use of physical force; security management; interpersonal communication; supervision; discipline; inmate manipulation; inmate mental health problems; booking and intake; fingerprinting; constitutional and criminal law; gangs; hostage survival; critical incident survival; and report writing. All corrections personnel are required to complete the "core training" requirements within the first six months of employment unless waived by the CJTC.

**Summary:** The requirement to obtain basic corrections officer training through the CJTC does not apply to Department of Corrections (DOC) employees who work for the prisons division. DOC is responsible for identifying training standards, designing training programs, and providing training for those employees. The Secretary of DOC must consult with experts and corrections professionals and solicit input from labor organizations in designing its training requirements.

Training for community corrections officers will continue to be developed and delivered collaboratively between DOC and the CJTC.

All corrections employees with DOC must successfully complete core training requirements and all other requirements for career level certification within a time period specified by the

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Secretary. The Secretary is responsible for assuring that the training needs of its corrections employees are met and must conduct an annual review of the training program.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	48	0
House	98	0

**Effective:** July 26, 2009