
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2156

State of Washington 61st Legislature 2009 Regular Session

By House Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Orwall and Dickerson; by request of Department of Corrections)

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1 AN ACT Relating to revising the authority for certification by the
2 criminal justice training commission; amending RCW 43.101.220; adding
3 a new section to chapter 43.10 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The intent of the legislature is that all
6 corrections personnel employed by the Washington department of
7 corrections are prepared to carry out the demands of their position
8 that they are likely to encounter during their daily duties. The
9 protection of the public, department employees, and inmates are a
10 primary reason to ensure that everyone is adequately trained and
11 knowledgeable in routine and emergency procedures.

12 To best carry out this mission it is necessary for the Washington
13 state department of corrections to have the authority, discretion, and
14 ability to design and conduct mandatory training that best meets the
15 needs of its changing offender population.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.101.220 and 2007 c 382 s 1 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 (1) The corrections personnel of the state and all counties and

1 municipal corporations initially employed on or after January 1, 1982,
2 shall engage in basic corrections training which complies with
3 standards adopted by the commission. The training shall be
4 successfully completed during the first six months of employment of the
5 personnel, unless otherwise extended or waived by the commission, and
6 shall be requisite to the continuation of employment.

7 (2) The commission shall provide the training required in this
8 section, together with facilities, supplies, materials, and the room
9 and board for noncommuting attendees.

10 (3) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section do not apply to the
11 Washington state department of corrections prisons division. The
12 Washington state department of corrections is responsible for
13 identifying training standards, designing curricula and programs, and
14 providing the training for those corrections personnel employed by it.
15 The secretary of the department of corrections shall consult with staff
16 development experts and correctional professionals both inside and
17 outside of the agency, to include soliciting input from labor
18 organizations.

19 (4) The commission and the department of corrections continue to
20 share the responsibility of developing and defining training standards
21 and providing training for the community corrections officers employed
22 within the community corrections division of the department of
23 corrections.

24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 43.10 RCW
25 to read as follows:

26 (1) All new corrections personnel employed by the Washington state
27 department of corrections shall, within a period to be determined by
28 the secretary of the department of corrections, successfully complete
29 core training requirements prescribed or obtain a waiver or extension
30 of the core training requirements from the secretary.

31 (2) Within a period to be determined by the secretary of the
32 Washington state department of corrections after completion of the core
33 training requirements of this section, corrections personnel employed
34 by the department shall successfully complete all remaining
35 requirements for career level certification prescribed by the secretary
36 applicable to their position or rank, or obtain a waiver or extension
37 of the career level training requirements from the secretary.

1 (3) The secretary of the department of corrections is responsible
2 for assuring that the training needs of the corrections personnel are
3 met by the department's training program. Once a year, the secretary
4 is responsible for conducting an assessment of the training programs
5 for the corrections personnel employed by the department.

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