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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the commercially sexually exploited
2 children statewide coordinating committee; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 7.68 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 7.68 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The commercially sexually exploited children statewide
8 coordinating committee is established to address the issue of children
9 who are commercially sexually exploited, to examine the practices of
10 local and regional entities involved in addressing sexually exploited
11 children, and to make recommendations on statewide laws and practices.

12 (2) The committee is called to order by the governor's office and
13 consists of the following members:

14 (a) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house
15 of representatives;

16 (b) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the Senate;

17 (c) A representative of the governor's office appointed by the
18 governor;

1 (d) The secretary of the children's administration or his or her
2 designee;

3 (e) The secretary of the juvenile rehabilitation administration or
4 his or her designee;

5 (f) The attorney general or his or her designee;

6 (g) The superintendent of public instruction or his or her
7 designee;

8 (h) A representative of the administrative office of the courts
9 appointed by the administrative office of the courts;

10 (i) The executive director of the Washington association of
11 sheriffs and police chiefs or his or her designee;

12 (j) The executive director of the Washington state criminal justice
13 training commission or his or her designee;

14 (k) A representative of the Washington association of prosecuting
15 attorneys appointed by the association;

16 (l) The executive director of the office of public defense or his
17 or her designee;

18 (m) Three representatives of community service providers that
19 provide direct services to commercially sexually exploited children
20 appointed by the governor;

21 (n) Two representatives of nongovernmental organizations familiar
22 with the issues affecting commercially sexually exploited children
23 appointed by the governor;

24 (o) The president of the superior court judges' association or his
25 or her designee;

26 (p) The president of the juvenile court administrators or his or
27 her designee; and

28 (q) Any existing chairs of regional task forces on commercially
29 sexually exploited children.

30 (3) The duties of the committee include, but are not limited to:

31 (a) Receiving reports and data from local and regional entities
32 regarding the incidence of commercially sexually exploited children in
33 their areas as well as data information regarding perpetrators,
34 geographic data and location trends, and any other data deemed
35 relevant;

36 (b) Receiving reports on local coordinated community response
37 practices and results of the community responses;

1 (c) Reviewing recommendations from local and regional entities
2 regarding policy and legislative changes that would improve the
3 efficiency and effectiveness of local response practices;

4 (d) Making recommendations regarding policy and legislative changes
5 that would improve the effectiveness of the state's response to and
6 promote best practices for suppression of the commercial sexual
7 exploitation of children;

8 (e) Making recommendations regarding data collection useful to
9 understanding or addressing the problem of commercially sexually
10 exploited children; and

11 (f) Reviewing and making recommendations regarding strategic local
12 investments or opportunities for federal and state funding to address
13 the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

14 (4) The committee must meet no less than annually.

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