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By Senate Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Pedersen, Kohl-Welles, Baumgartner, Padden, Darneille, Keiser, Benton, and O'Ban)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the Washington internet crimes
2 against children account; amending RCW 67.70.190; and creating new
3 sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the
6 internet crimes against children task force program, through the
7 United States department of justice, helps state and local law
8 enforcement agencies develop an effective response to technology-
9 facilitated child sexual exploitation and internet crimes against
10 children. This help encompasses forensic and investigative
11 components, training and technical assistance, victim services, and
12 community education. The program is a national network of sixty-one
13 coordinated task forces representing over three thousand five hundred
14 federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies.
15 In calendar year 2013, the program's investigations contributed to
16 the arrests of more than seven thousand four hundred individuals and
17 task forces conducted over sixty thousand ninety-eight forensic
18 examinations. Additionally, the program trained over thirty thousand
19 law enforcement personnel, over three thousand five hundred
20 prosecutors, and more than five thousand three hundred other
21 professionals working in the program's field.

1 (2) The legislature finds that there is a lack of dedicated state
2 resources to combat internet-facilitated crimes against children. As
3 a result, many of the cases involving internet-facilitated crimes are
4 not adequately investigated. The legislature further finds that a
5 minimum of fifteen full-time affiliate investigators and three
6 forensic examiners are currently needed even to just investigate the
7 very worst of these cases in Washington. It is the intent of the
8 legislature to create an account dedicated to combating internet-
9 facilitated crimes against children, promoting education on internet
10 safety to the public and to minors, and rescuing child victims from
11 abuse and exploitation.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 67.70.190 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 987 are each
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Unclaimed prizes shall be retained in the state lottery account
15 for the person entitled thereto for one hundred eighty days after the
16 drawing in which the prize is won, or after the official end of the
17 game for instant prizes. If no claim is made for the prize within
18 this time, all rights to the prize shall be extinguished, and the
19 prize shall be retained in the state lottery fund for further use as
20 prizes, except (~~that~~):

21 (1) One-third of all unclaimed prize money shall be deposited in
22 the economic development strategic reserve account created in RCW
23 43.330.250; and

24 (2) Up to two million dollars of all unclaimed prize money each
25 biennium shall be deposited in the Washington internet crimes against
26 children account created in section 3 of this act.

27 On July 1, 2009, June 30, 2010, and June 30, 2011, all unclaimed
28 prize money retained in the state lottery account in excess of three
29 million dollars, excluding amounts distributed to the economic
30 development strategic reserve account, shall be transferred into the
31 state general fund.

32 During the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, the legislature may
33 transfer to the education legacy trust account such amounts as
34 reflect the excess fund balance in the state lottery account from
35 unclaimed prizes.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The Washington internet crimes against
37 children account is created in the state treasury. All receipts from
38 RCW 67.70.190(2) must be deposited in the account. Expenditures from

1 the account must be used exclusively by the Washington internet
2 crimes against children task force and its affiliate agencies for
3 combating internet-facilitated crimes against children, promoting
4 education on internet safety to the public and to minors, and
5 rescuing child victims from abuse and exploitation. Only the director
6 of the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs or the
7 director's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The
8 Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs may deduct
9 reasonable administrative costs not to exceed three percent of
10 expenditures. The account is subject to allotment procedures under
11 chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for
12 expenditures.

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