
SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5215

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By Senate Ways & Means (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; and adding new sections to chapter 43.101
3 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 43.101
6 RCW to read as follows:

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

1 thousand five hundred prosecutors, and more than five thousand three
2 hundred other professionals working in the program's field.

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

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 The Washington internet crimes against children account is
17 created in the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from
18 legislative appropriations, donations, gifts, grants, and funds from
19 federal or private sources must be deposited into the account.
20 Expenditures from the account must be used exclusively by the
21 Washington internet crimes against children task force and its
22 affiliate agencies for combating internet-facilitated crimes against
23 children, promoting education on internet safety to the public and to
24 minors, and rescuing child victims from abuse and exploitation. Only
25 the criminal justice training commission or the commission's designee
26 may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject
27 to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation
28 is not required for expenditures. The commission may enter into
29 agreements with the Washington association of sheriffs and police
30 chiefs to administer grants and other activities funded by the
31 account and be paid an administrative fee not to exceed three percent
32 of expenditures.

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