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1 AN ACT Relating to domestic violence; amending RCW 9A.36.041,
2 9.94A.525, 43.43.754, 43.43.830, and 18.16.100; reenacting and
3 amending RCW 9.94A.411; adding a new section to chapter 7.36 RCW;
4 adding a new section to chapter 18.16 RCW; creating new sections;
5 prescribing penalties; and providing expiration dates.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9A.36.041 and 1987 c 188 s 2 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) A person is guilty of assault in the fourth degree if, under
10 circumstances not amounting to assault in the first, second, or third
11 degree, or custodial assault, he or she assaults another.

12 (2) Assault in the fourth degree is a gross misdemeanor, except
13 as provided in subsection (3) of this section.

14 (3) Assault in the fourth degree, where domestic violence was
15 pleaded and proven after the effective date of this section, is a
16 class C felony if the person has two or more prior adult convictions
17 within ten years for any of the following offenses where domestic
18 violence as defined in RCW 9.94A.030 was pleaded and proven after the
19 effective date of this section:

20 (a) Repetitive domestic violence offense as defined in RCW
21 9.94A.030;

1 (b) Crime of harassment as defined by RCW 9A.46.060;

2 (c) Assault in the third degree;

3 (d) Assault in the second degree;

4 (e) Assault in the first degree; or

5 (f) An out-of-state comparable offense.

6 (4) For purposes of subsection (3) of this section, family or
7 household members means spouses, domestic partners, former spouses,
8 former domestic partners, persons who have a child in common
9 regardless of whether they have been married or have lived together
10 at any time, persons sixteen years of age or older who are presently
11 residing together or who have resided together in the past and who
12 have or have had a dating relationship, and persons sixteen years of
13 age or older with whom a person sixteen years of age or older has or
14 has had a dating relationship.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.94A.411 and 2006 c 271 s 1 and 2006 c 73 s 13 are
16 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

17 (1) Decision not to prosecute.

18 STANDARD: A prosecuting attorney may decline to prosecute, even
19 though technically sufficient evidence to prosecute exists, in
20 situations where prosecution would serve no public purpose, would
21 defeat the underlying purpose of the law in question or would result
22 in decreased respect for the law.

23 GUIDELINE/COMMENTARY:

24 Examples

25 The following are examples of reasons not to prosecute which
26 could satisfy the standard.

27 (a) Contrary to Legislative Intent - It may be proper to decline
28 to charge where the application of criminal sanctions would be
29 clearly contrary to the intent of the legislature in enacting the
30 particular statute.

31 (b) Antiquated Statute - It may be proper to decline to charge
32 where the statute in question is antiquated in that:

33 (i) It has not been enforced for many years; and

34 (ii) Most members of society act as if it were no longer in
35 existence; and

36 (iii) It serves no deterrent or protective purpose in today's
37 society; and

38 (iv) The statute has not been recently reconsidered by the
39 legislature.

1 This reason is not to be construed as the basis for declining
2 cases because the law in question is unpopular or because it is
3 difficult to enforce.

4 (c) De Minimis Violation - It may be proper to decline to charge
5 where the violation of law is only technical or insubstantial and
6 where no public interest or deterrent purpose would be served by
7 prosecution.

8 (d) Confinement on Other Charges - It may be proper to decline to
9 charge because the accused has been sentenced on another charge to a
10 lengthy period of confinement; and

11 (i) Conviction of the new offense would not merit any additional
12 direct or collateral punishment;

13 (ii) The new offense is either a misdemeanor or a felony which is
14 not particularly aggravated; and

15 (iii) Conviction of the new offense would not serve any
16 significant deterrent purpose.

17 (e) Pending Conviction on Another Charge - It may be proper to
18 decline to charge because the accused is facing a pending prosecution
19 in the same or another county; and

20 (i) Conviction of the new offense would not merit any additional
21 direct or collateral punishment;

22 (ii) Conviction in the pending prosecution is imminent;

23 (iii) The new offense is either a misdemeanor or a felony which
24 is not particularly aggravated; and

25 (iv) Conviction of the new offense would not serve any
26 significant deterrent purpose.

27 (f) High Disproportionate Cost of Prosecution - It may be proper
28 to decline to charge where the cost of locating or transporting, or
29 the burden on, prosecution witnesses is highly disproportionate to
30 the importance of prosecuting the offense in question. This reason
31 should be limited to minor cases and should not be relied upon in
32 serious cases.

33 (g) Improper Motives of Complainant - It may be proper to decline
34 charges because the motives of the complainant are improper and
35 prosecution would serve no public purpose, would defeat the
36 underlying purpose of the law in question or would result in
37 decreased respect for the law.

38 (h) Immunity - It may be proper to decline to charge where
39 immunity is to be given to an accused in order to prosecute another
40 where the accused's information or testimony will reasonably lead to

1 the conviction of others who are responsible for more serious
2 criminal conduct or who represent a greater danger to the public
3 interest.

4 (i) Victim Request - It may be proper to decline to charge
5 because the victim requests that no criminal charges be filed and the
6 case involves the following crimes or situations:

7 (i) Assault cases where the victim has suffered little or no
8 injury;

9 (ii) Crimes against property, not involving violence, where no
10 major loss was suffered;

11 (iii) Where doing so would not jeopardize the safety of society.

12 Care should be taken to insure that the victim's request is
13 freely made and is not the product of threats or pressure by the
14 accused.

15 The presence of these factors may also justify the decision to
16 dismiss a prosecution which has been commenced.

17 Notification

18 The prosecutor is encouraged to notify the victim, when
19 practical, and the law enforcement personnel, of the decision not to
20 prosecute.

21 (2) Decision to prosecute.

22 (a) STANDARD:

23 Crimes against persons will be filed if sufficient admissible
24 evidence exists, which, when considered with the most plausible,
25 reasonably foreseeable defense that could be raised under the
26 evidence, would justify conviction by a reasonable and objective fact
27 finder. With regard to offenses prohibited by RCW 9A.44.040,
28 9A.44.050, 9A.44.073, 9A.44.076, 9A.44.079, 9A.44.083, 9A.44.086,
29 9A.44.089, and 9A.64.020 the prosecutor should avoid pre-filing
30 agreements or diversions intended to place the accused in a program
31 of treatment or counseling, so that treatment, if determined to be
32 beneficial, can be provided pursuant to RCW 9.94A.670.

33 Crimes against property/other crimes will be filed if the
34 admissible evidence is of such convincing force as to make it
35 probable that a reasonable and objective fact finder would convict
36 after hearing all the admissible evidence and the most plausible
37 defense that could be raised.

38 See table below for the crimes within these categories.

39 CATEGORIZATION OF CRIMES FOR PROSECUTING STANDARDS

1 CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS
2 Aggravated Murder
3 1st Degree Murder
4 2nd Degree Murder
5 1st Degree Manslaughter
6 2nd Degree Manslaughter
7 1st Degree Kidnapping
8 2nd Degree Kidnapping
9 1st Degree Assault
10 2nd Degree Assault
11 3rd Degree Assault
12 4th Degree Assault (if a violation of RCW 9A.36.041(3))
13 1st Degree Assault of a Child
14 2nd Degree Assault of a Child
15 3rd Degree Assault of a Child
16 1st Degree Rape
17 2nd Degree Rape
18 3rd Degree Rape
19 1st Degree Rape of a Child
20 2nd Degree Rape of a Child
21 3rd Degree Rape of a Child
22 1st Degree Robbery
23 2nd Degree Robbery
24 1st Degree Arson
25 1st Degree Burglary
26 1st Degree Identity Theft
27 2nd Degree Identity Theft
28 1st Degree Extortion
29 2nd Degree Extortion
30 Indecent Liberties
31 Incest
32 Vehicular Homicide
33 Vehicular Assault
34 1st Degree Child Molestation
35 2nd Degree Child Molestation
36 3rd Degree Child Molestation
37 1st Degree Promoting Prostitution
38 Intimidating a Juror
39 Communication with a Minor

1 Intimidating a Witness
2 Intimidating a Public Servant
3 Bomb Threat (if against person)
4 Unlawful Imprisonment
5 Promoting a Suicide Attempt
6 Riot (if against person)
7 Stalking
8 Custodial Assault
9 Domestic Violence Court Order Violation (RCW 10.99.040,
10 10.99.050, 26.09.300, 26.10.220, 26.26.138, 26.50.110, 26.52.070, or
11 74.34.145)
12 Counterfeiting (if a violation of RCW 9.16.035(4))
13 Felony Driving a Motor Vehicle While Under the Influence of
14 Intoxicating Liquor or Any Drug (RCW 46.61.502(6))
15 Felony Physical Control of a Motor Vehicle While Under the
16 Influence of Intoxicating Liquor or Any Drug (RCW 46.61.504(6))
17 CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY/OTHER CRIMES
18 2nd Degree Arson
19 1st Degree Escape
20 2nd Degree Escape
21 2nd Degree Burglary
22 1st Degree Theft
23 2nd Degree Theft
24 1st Degree Perjury
25 2nd Degree Perjury
26 1st Degree Introducing Contraband
27 2nd Degree Introducing Contraband
28 1st Degree Possession of Stolen Property
29 2nd Degree Possession of Stolen Property
30 Bribery
31 Bribing a Witness
32 Bribe received by a Witness
33 Bomb Threat (if against property)
34 1st Degree Malicious Mischief
35 2nd Degree Malicious Mischief
36 1st Degree Reckless Burning
37 Taking a Motor Vehicle without Authorization
38 Forgery
39 2nd Degree Promoting Prostitution

1 Tampering with a Witness
2 Trading in Public Office
3 Trading in Special Influence
4 Receiving/Granting Unlawful Compensation
5 Bigamy
6 Eluding a Pursuing Police Vehicle
7 Willful Failure to Return from Furlough
8 Escape from Community Custody
9 Riot (if against property)
10 1st Degree Theft of Livestock
11 2nd Degree Theft of Livestock

12 ALL OTHER UNCLASSIFIED FELONIES

13 Selection of Charges/Degree of Charge

14 (i) The prosecutor should file charges which adequately describe
15 the nature of defendant's conduct. Other offenses may be charged only
16 if they are necessary to ensure that the charges:

17 (A) Will significantly enhance the strength of the state's case
18 at trial; or

19 (B) Will result in restitution to all victims.

20 (ii) The prosecutor should not overcharge to obtain a guilty
21 plea. Overcharging includes:

22 (A) Charging a higher degree;

23 (B) Charging additional counts.

24 This standard is intended to direct prosecutors to charge those
25 crimes which demonstrate the nature and seriousness of a defendant's
26 criminal conduct, but to decline to charge crimes which are not
27 necessary to such an indication. Crimes which do not merge as a
28 matter of law, but which arise from the same course of conduct, do
29 not all have to be charged.

30 (b) GUIDELINES/COMMENTARY:

31 (i) Police Investigation

32 A prosecuting attorney is dependent upon law enforcement agencies
33 to conduct the necessary factual investigation which must precede the
34 decision to prosecute. The prosecuting attorney shall ensure that a
35 thorough factual investigation has been conducted before a decision
36 to prosecute is made. In ordinary circumstances the investigation
37 should include the following:

38 (A) The interviewing of all material witnesses, together with the
39 obtaining of written statements whenever possible;

1 (B) The completion of necessary laboratory tests; and

2 (C) The obtaining, in accordance with constitutional
3 requirements, of the suspect's version of the events.

4 If the initial investigation is incomplete, a prosecuting
5 attorney should insist upon further investigation before a decision
6 to prosecute is made, and specify what the investigation needs to
7 include.

8 (ii) Exceptions

9 In certain situations, a prosecuting attorney may authorize
10 filing of a criminal complaint before the investigation is complete
11 if:

12 (A) Probable cause exists to believe the suspect is guilty; and

13 (B) The suspect presents a danger to the community or is likely
14 to flee if not apprehended; or

15 (C) The arrest of the suspect is necessary to complete the
16 investigation of the crime.

17 In the event that the exception to the standard is applied, the
18 prosecuting attorney shall obtain a commitment from the law
19 enforcement agency involved to complete the investigation in a timely
20 manner. If the subsequent investigation does not produce sufficient
21 evidence to meet the normal charging standard, the complaint should
22 be dismissed.

23 (iii) Investigation Techniques

24 The prosecutor should be fully advised of the investigatory
25 techniques that were used in the case investigation including:

26 (A) Polygraph testing;

27 (B) Hypnosis;

28 (C) Electronic surveillance;

29 (D) Use of informants.

30 (iv) Pre-Filing Discussions with Defendant

31 Discussions with the defendant or his/her representative
32 regarding the selection or disposition of charges may occur prior to
33 the filing of charges, and potential agreements can be reached.

34 (v) Pre-Filing Discussions with Victim(s)

35 Discussions with the victim(s) or victims' representatives
36 regarding the selection or disposition of charges may occur before
37 the filing of charges. The discussions may be considered by the
38 prosecutor in charging and disposition decisions, and should be
39 considered before reaching any agreement with the defendant regarding
40 these decisions.

1 **Sec. 3.** RCW 9.94A.525 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 35 s 8 are each
2 amended to read as follows:

3 The offender score is measured on the horizontal axis of the
4 sentencing grid. The offender score rules are as follows:

5 The offender score is the sum of points accrued under this
6 section rounded down to the nearest whole number.

7 (1) A prior conviction is a conviction which exists before the
8 date of sentencing for the offense for which the offender score is
9 being computed. Convictions entered or sentenced on the same date as
10 the conviction for which the offender score is being computed shall
11 be deemed "other current offenses" within the meaning of RCW
12 9.94A.589.

13 (2)(a) Class A and sex prior felony convictions shall always be
14 included in the offender score.

15 (b) Class B prior felony convictions other than sex offenses
16 shall not be included in the offender score, if since the last date
17 of release from confinement (including full-time residential
18 treatment) pursuant to a felony conviction, if any, or entry of
19 judgment and sentence, the offender had spent ten consecutive years
20 in the community without committing any crime that subsequently
21 results in a conviction.

22 (c) Except as provided in (e) of this subsection, class C prior
23 felony convictions other than sex offenses shall not be included in
24 the offender score if, since the last date of release from
25 confinement (including full-time residential treatment) pursuant to a
26 felony conviction, if any, or entry of judgment and sentence, the
27 offender had spent five consecutive years in the community without
28 committing any crime that subsequently results in a conviction.

29 (d) Except as provided in (e) of this subsection, serious traffic
30 convictions shall not be included in the offender score if, since the
31 last date of release from confinement (including full-time
32 residential treatment) pursuant to a conviction, if any, or entry of
33 judgment and sentence, the offender spent five years in the community
34 without committing any crime that subsequently results in a
35 conviction.

36 (e) If the present conviction is felony driving while under the
37 influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug (RCW 46.61.502(6)) or
38 felony physical control of a vehicle while under the influence of
39 intoxicating liquor or any drug (RCW 46.61.504(6)), all predicate
40 crimes for the offense as defined by RCW 46.61.5055(14) shall be

1 included in the offender score, and prior convictions for felony
2 driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug
3 (RCW 46.61.502(6)) or felony physical control of a vehicle while
4 under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug (RCW
5 46.61.504(6)) shall always be included in the offender score. All
6 other convictions of the defendant shall be scored according to this
7 section.

8 (f) Prior convictions for a repetitive domestic violence offense,
9 as defined in RCW 9.94A.030, shall not be included in the offender
10 score if, since the last date of release from confinement or entry of
11 judgment and sentence, the offender had spent ten consecutive years
12 in the community without committing any crime that subsequently
13 results in a conviction.

14 (g) This subsection applies to both adult and juvenile prior
15 convictions.

16 (3) Out-of-state convictions for offenses shall be classified
17 according to the comparable offense definitions and sentences
18 provided by Washington law. Federal convictions for offenses shall be
19 classified according to the comparable offense definitions and
20 sentences provided by Washington law. If there is no clearly
21 comparable offense under Washington law or the offense is one that is
22 usually considered subject to exclusive federal jurisdiction, the
23 offense shall be scored as a class C felony equivalent if it was a
24 felony under the relevant federal statute.

25 (4) Score prior convictions for felony anticipatory offenses
26 (attempts, criminal solicitations, and criminal conspiracies) the
27 same as if they were convictions for completed offenses.

28 (5)(a) In the case of multiple prior convictions, for the purpose
29 of computing the offender score, count all convictions separately,
30 except:

31 (i) Prior offenses which were found, under RCW 9.94A.589(1)(a),
32 to encompass the same criminal conduct, shall be counted as one
33 offense, the offense that yields the highest offender score. The
34 current sentencing court shall determine with respect to other prior
35 adult offenses for which sentences were served concurrently or prior
36 juvenile offenses for which sentences were served consecutively,
37 whether those offenses shall be counted as one offense or as separate
38 offenses using the "same criminal conduct" analysis found in RCW
39 9.94A.589(1)(a), and if the court finds that they shall be counted as
40 one offense, then the offense that yields the highest offender score

1 shall be used. The current sentencing court may presume that such
2 other prior offenses were not the same criminal conduct from
3 sentences imposed on separate dates, or in separate counties or
4 jurisdictions, or in separate complaints, indictments, or
5 informations;

6 (ii) In the case of multiple prior convictions for offenses
7 committed before July 1, 1986, for the purpose of computing the
8 offender score, count all adult convictions served concurrently as
9 one offense, and count all juvenile convictions entered on the same
10 date as one offense. Use the conviction for the offense that yields
11 the highest offender score.

12 (b) As used in this subsection (5), "served concurrently" means
13 that: (i) The latter sentence was imposed with specific reference to
14 the former; (ii) the concurrent relationship of the sentences was
15 judicially imposed; and (iii) the concurrent timing of the sentences
16 was not the result of a probation or parole revocation on the former
17 offense.

18 (6) If the present conviction is one of the anticipatory offenses
19 of criminal attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy, count each prior
20 conviction as if the present conviction were for a completed offense.
21 When these convictions are used as criminal history, score them the
22 same as a completed crime.

23 (7) If the present conviction is for a nonviolent offense and not
24 covered by subsection (11), (12), or (13) of this section, count one
25 point for each adult prior felony conviction and one point for each
26 juvenile prior violent felony conviction and 1/2 point for each
27 juvenile prior nonviolent felony conviction.

28 (8) If the present conviction is for a violent offense and not
29 covered in subsection (9), (10), (11), (12), or (13) of this section,
30 count two points for each prior adult and juvenile violent felony
31 conviction, one point for each prior adult nonviolent felony
32 conviction, and 1/2 point for each prior juvenile nonviolent felony
33 conviction.

34 (9) If the present conviction is for a serious violent offense,
35 count three points for prior adult and juvenile convictions for
36 crimes in this category, two points for each prior adult and juvenile
37 violent conviction (not already counted), one point for each prior
38 adult nonviolent felony conviction, and 1/2 point for each prior
39 juvenile nonviolent felony conviction.

1 (10) If the present conviction is for Burglary 1, count prior
2 convictions as in subsection (8) of this section; however count two
3 points for each prior adult Burglary 2 or residential burglary
4 conviction, and one point for each prior juvenile Burglary 2 or
5 residential burglary conviction.

6 (11) If the present conviction is for a felony traffic offense
7 count two points for each adult or juvenile prior conviction for
8 Vehicular Homicide or Vehicular Assault; for each felony offense
9 count one point for each adult and 1/2 point for each juvenile prior
10 conviction; for each serious traffic offense, other than those used
11 for an enhancement pursuant to RCW 46.61.520(2), count one point for
12 each adult and 1/2 point for each juvenile prior conviction; count
13 one point for each adult and 1/2 point for each juvenile prior
14 conviction for operation of a vessel while under the influence of
15 intoxicating liquor or any drug.

16 (12) If the present conviction is for homicide by watercraft or
17 assault by watercraft count two points for each adult or juvenile
18 prior conviction for homicide by watercraft or assault by watercraft;
19 for each felony offense count one point for each adult and 1/2 point
20 for each juvenile prior conviction; count one point for each adult
21 and 1/2 point for each juvenile prior conviction for driving under
22 the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug, actual physical
23 control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating
24 liquor or any drug, or operation of a vessel while under the
25 influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug.

26 (13) If the present conviction is for manufacture of
27 methamphetamine count three points for each adult prior manufacture
28 of methamphetamine conviction and two points for each juvenile
29 manufacture of methamphetamine offense. If the present conviction is
30 for a drug offense and the offender has a criminal history that
31 includes a sex offense or serious violent offense, count three points
32 for each adult prior felony drug offense conviction and two points
33 for each juvenile drug offense. All other adult and juvenile felonies
34 are scored as in subsection (8) of this section if the current drug
35 offense is violent, or as in subsection (7) of this section if the
36 current drug offense is nonviolent.

37 (14) If the present conviction is for Escape from Community
38 Custody, RCW 72.09.310, count only prior escape convictions in the
39 offender score. Count adult prior escape convictions as one point and
40 juvenile prior escape convictions as 1/2 point.

1 (15) If the present conviction is for Escape 1, RCW 9A.76.110, or
2 Escape 2, RCW 9A.76.120, count adult prior convictions as one point
3 and juvenile prior convictions as 1/2 point.

4 (16) If the present conviction is for Burglary 2 or residential
5 burglary, count priors as in subsection (7) of this section; however,
6 count two points for each adult and juvenile prior Burglary 1
7 conviction, two points for each adult prior Burglary 2 or residential
8 burglary conviction, and one point for each juvenile prior Burglary 2
9 or residential burglary conviction.

10 (17) If the present conviction is for a sex offense, count priors
11 as in subsections (7) through (11) and (13) through (16) of this
12 section; however count three points for each adult and juvenile prior
13 sex offense conviction.

14 (18) If the present conviction is for failure to register as a
15 sex offender under RCW 9A.44.130 or 9A.44.132, count priors as in
16 subsections (7) through (11) and (13) through (16) of this section;
17 however count three points for each adult and juvenile prior sex
18 offense conviction, excluding prior convictions for failure to
19 register as a sex offender under RCW 9A.44.130 or 9A.44.132, which
20 shall count as one point.

21 (19) If the present conviction is for an offense committed while
22 the offender was under community custody, add one point. For purposes
23 of this subsection, community custody includes community placement or
24 postrelease supervision, as defined in chapter 9.94B RCW.

25 (20) If the present conviction is for Theft of a Motor Vehicle,
26 Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, Taking a Motor Vehicle Without
27 Permission 1, or Taking a Motor Vehicle Without Permission 2, count
28 priors as in subsections (7) through (18) of this section; however
29 count one point for prior convictions of Vehicle Prowling 2, and
30 three points for each adult and juvenile prior Theft 1 (of a motor
31 vehicle), Theft 2 (of a motor vehicle), Possession of Stolen Property
32 1 (of a motor vehicle), Possession of Stolen Property 2 (of a motor
33 vehicle), Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Possession of a Stolen Vehicle,
34 Taking a Motor Vehicle Without Permission 1, or Taking a Motor
35 Vehicle Without Permission 2 conviction.

36 (21) If the present conviction is for a felony domestic violence
37 offense where domestic violence as defined in RCW 9.94A.030 was
38 (~~plead~~~~[pleaded]~~) pleaded and proven, count priors as in
39 subsections (7) through (20) of this section; however, count points
40 as follows:

1 (a) Count two points for each adult prior conviction where
2 domestic violence as defined in RCW 9.94A.030 was (~~plead [pleaded]~~)
3 pleaded and proven after August 1, 2011, for any of the following
4 offenses: A felony violation of a no-contact or protection order
5 (~~that is a felony offense, a violation of a protection order that is~~
6 ~~a felony offense~~) RCW 26.50.110, ((a)) felony (~~domestic violence~~)
7 Harassment (~~offense~~) (RCW 9A.46.020(2)(b)), ((a)) felony (~~domestic~~
8 ~~violence~~) Stalking (~~offense, a domestic violence~~) (RCW
9 9A.46.110(5)(b)), Burglary 1 (~~offense~~) (RCW 9A.52.020), ((a
10 ~~domestic violence~~) Kidnapping 1 (~~offense~~) (RCW 9A.40.020), ((a
11 ~~domestic violence~~) Kidnapping 2 (~~offense~~) (RCW 9A.40.030), ((a
12 ~~domestic violence~~) Unlawful imprisonment (~~offense~~) (RCW
13 9A.40.040), ((a ~~domestic violence~~) Robbery 1 (~~offense~~) (RCW
14 9A.56.200), ((a ~~domestic violence~~) Robbery 2 (~~offense~~) (RCW
15 9A.56.210), ((a ~~domestic violence~~) Assault 1 (~~offense~~) (RCW
16 9A.36.011), ((a ~~domestic violence~~) Assault 2 (~~offense~~) (RCW
17 9A.36.021), ((a ~~domestic violence~~) Assault 3 (~~offense~~) (RCW
18 9A.36.031), ((a ~~domestic violence~~) Arson 1 (~~offense~~) (RCW
19 9A.48.020), or ((a ~~domestic violence~~) Arson 2 (~~offense~~) (RCW
20 9A.48.030);

21 (b) Count two points for each adult prior conviction where
22 domestic violence as defined in RCW 9.94A.030 was pleaded and proven
23 after the effective date of this section, for any of the following
24 offenses: Assault of a child in the first degree, RCW 9A.36.120;
25 Assault of a child in the second degree, RCW 9A.36.130; Assault of a
26 child in the third degree, RCW 9A.36.140; Criminal Mistreatment in
27 the first degree, RCW 9A.42.020; or Criminal Mistreatment in the
28 second degree, RCW 9A.42.030;

29 (c) Count one point for each second and subsequent juvenile
30 conviction where domestic violence as defined in RCW 9.94A.030 was
31 (~~plead [pleaded]~~) pleaded and proven after August 1, 2011, for the
32 offenses listed in (a) of this subsection; and

33 ((~~e~~)) (d) Count one point for each adult prior conviction for a
34 repetitive domestic violence offense as defined in RCW 9.94A.030,
35 where domestic violence as defined in RCW 9.94A.030, was (~~plead~~
36 ~~[pleaded]~~) pleaded and proven after August 1, 2011.

37 (22) The fact that a prior conviction was not included in an
38 offender's offender score or criminal history at a previous
39 sentencing shall have no bearing on whether it is included in the
40 criminal history or offender score for the current offense. Prior

1 convictions that were not counted in the offender score or included
2 in criminal history under repealed or previous versions of the
3 sentencing reform act shall be included in criminal history and shall
4 count in the offender score if the current version of the sentencing
5 reform act requires including or counting those convictions. Prior
6 convictions that were not included in criminal history or in the
7 offender score shall be included upon any resentencing to ensure
8 imposition of an accurate sentence.

9 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.43.754 and 2015 c 261 s 10 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (1) A biological sample must be collected for purposes of DNA
12 identification analysis from:

13 (a) Every adult or juvenile individual convicted of a felony, or
14 any of the following crimes (or equivalent juvenile offenses):

15 (i) Assault in the fourth degree where domestic violence as
16 defined in RCW 9.94A.030 was pleaded and proven (RCW 9A.36.041,
17 9.94A.030);

18 (ii) Assault in the fourth degree with sexual motivation (RCW
19 9A.36.041, 9.94A.835);

20 (iii) Communication with a minor for immoral purposes (RCW
21 9.68A.090);

22 (iv) Custodial sexual misconduct in the second degree (RCW
23 9A.44.170);

24 (v) Failure to register (RCW 9A.44.130 for persons convicted on
25 or before June 10, 2010, and RCW 9A.44.132 for persons convicted
26 after June 10, 2010);

27 (vi) Harassment (RCW 9A.46.020);

28 (vii) Patronizing a prostitute (RCW 9A.88.110);

29 (viii) Sexual misconduct with a minor in the second degree (RCW
30 9A.44.096);

31 (ix) Stalking (RCW 9A.46.110);

32 (x) Violation of a sexual assault protection order granted under
33 chapter 7.90 RCW; and

34 (b) Every adult or juvenile individual who is required to
35 register under RCW 9A.44.130.

36 (2) If the Washington state patrol crime laboratory already has a
37 DNA sample from an individual for a qualifying offense, a subsequent
38 submission is not required to be submitted.

1 (3) Biological samples shall be collected in the following
2 manner:

3 (a) For persons convicted of any offense listed in subsection
4 (1)(a) of this section or adjudicated guilty of an equivalent
5 juvenile offense who do not serve a term of confinement in a
6 department of corrections facility, and do serve a term of
7 confinement in a city or county jail facility, the city or county
8 shall be responsible for obtaining the biological samples.

9 (b) The local police department or sheriff's office shall be
10 responsible for obtaining the biological samples for:

11 (i) Persons convicted of any offense listed in subsection (1)(a)
12 of this section or adjudicated guilty of an equivalent juvenile
13 offense who do not serve a term of confinement in a department of
14 corrections facility, and do not serve a term of confinement in a
15 city or county jail facility; and

16 (ii) Persons who are required to register under RCW 9A.44.130.

17 (c) For persons convicted of any offense listed in subsection
18 (1)(a) of this section or adjudicated guilty of an equivalent
19 juvenile offense, who are serving or who are to serve a term of
20 confinement in a department of corrections facility or a department
21 of social and health services facility, the facility holding the
22 person shall be responsible for obtaining the biological samples. For
23 those persons incarcerated before June 12, 2008, who have not yet had
24 a biological sample collected, priority shall be given to those
25 persons who will be released the soonest.

26 (4) Any biological sample taken pursuant to RCW 43.43.752 through
27 43.43.758 may be retained by the forensic laboratory services bureau,
28 and shall be used solely for the purpose of providing DNA or other
29 tests for identification analysis and prosecution of a criminal
30 offense or for the identification of human remains or missing
31 persons. Nothing in this section prohibits the submission of results
32 derived from the biological samples to the federal bureau of
33 investigation combined DNA index system.

34 (5) The forensic laboratory services bureau of the Washington
35 state patrol is responsible for testing performed on all biological
36 samples that are collected under subsection (1) of this section, to
37 the extent allowed by funding available for this purpose. The
38 director shall give priority to testing on samples collected from
39 those adults or juveniles convicted of a felony or adjudicated guilty
40 of an equivalent juvenile offense that is defined as a sex offense or

1 a violent offense in RCW 9.94A.030. Known duplicate samples may be
2 excluded from testing unless testing is deemed necessary or advisable
3 by the director.

4 (6) This section applies to:

5 (a) All adults and juveniles to whom this section applied prior
6 to June 12, 2008;

7 (b) All adults and juveniles to whom this section did not apply
8 prior to June 12, 2008, who:

9 (i) Are convicted on or after June 12, 2008, of an offense listed
10 in subsection (1)(a) of this section; or

11 (ii) Were convicted prior to June 12, 2008, of an offense listed
12 in subsection (1)(a) of this section and are still incarcerated on or
13 after June 12, 2008; and

14 (c) All adults and juveniles who are required to register under
15 RCW 9A.44.130 on or after June 12, 2008, whether convicted before,
16 on, or after June 12, 2008.

17 (7) This section creates no rights in a third person. No cause of
18 action may be brought based upon the noncollection or nonanalysis or
19 the delayed collection or analysis of a biological sample authorized
20 to be taken under RCW 43.43.752 through 43.43.758.

21 (8) The detention, arrest, or conviction of a person based upon a
22 database match or database information is not invalidated if it is
23 determined that the sample was obtained or placed in the database by
24 mistake, or if the conviction or juvenile adjudication that resulted
25 in the collection of the biological sample was subsequently vacated
26 or otherwise altered in any future proceeding including but not
27 limited to posttrial or postfact-finding motions, appeals, or
28 collateral attacks.

29 (9) A person commits the crime of refusal to provide DNA if the
30 person has a duty to register under RCW 9A.44.130 and the person
31 willfully refuses to comply with a legal request for a DNA sample as
32 required under this section. The refusal to provide DNA is a gross
33 misdemeanor.

34 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.43.830 and 2012 c 44 s 1 are each amended to read
35 as follows:

36 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
37 this section apply throughout RCW 43.43.830 through 43.43.845.

38 (1) "Agency" means any person, firm, partnership, association,
39 corporation, or facility which receives, provides services to, houses

1 or otherwise cares for vulnerable adults, juveniles, or children, or
2 which provides child day care, early learning, or early childhood
3 education services.

4 (2) "Applicant" means:

5 (a) Any prospective employee who will or may have unsupervised
6 access to children under sixteen years of age or developmentally
7 disabled persons or vulnerable adults during the course of his or her
8 employment or involvement with the business or organization;

9 (b) Any prospective volunteer who will have regularly scheduled
10 unsupervised access to children under sixteen years of age,
11 developmentally disabled persons, or vulnerable adults during the
12 course of his or her employment or involvement with the business or
13 organization under circumstances where such access will or may
14 involve groups of (i) five or fewer children under twelve years of
15 age, (ii) three or fewer children between twelve and sixteen years of
16 age, (iii) developmentally disabled persons, or (iv) vulnerable
17 adults;

18 (c) Any prospective adoptive parent, as defined in RCW 26.33.020;
19 or

20 (d) Any prospective custodian in a nonparental custody proceeding
21 under chapter 26.10 RCW.

22 (3) "Business or organization" means a person, business, or
23 organization licensed in this state, any agency of the state, or
24 other governmental entity, that educates, trains, treats, supervises,
25 houses, or provides recreation to developmentally disabled persons,
26 vulnerable adults, or children under sixteen years of age, or that
27 provides child day care, early learning, or early learning childhood
28 education services, including but not limited to public housing
29 authorities, school districts, and educational service districts.

30 (4) "Civil adjudication proceeding" is a judicial or
31 administrative adjudicative proceeding that results in a finding of,
32 or upholds an agency finding of, domestic violence, abuse, sexual
33 abuse, neglect, abandonment, violation of a professional licensing
34 standard regarding a child or vulnerable adult, or exploitation or
35 financial exploitation of a child or vulnerable adult under any
36 provision of law, including but not limited to chapter 13.34, 26.44,
37 or 74.34 RCW, or rules adopted under chapters 18.51 and 74.42 RCW.
38 "Civil adjudication proceeding" also includes judicial or
39 administrative findings that become final due to the failure of the

1 alleged perpetrator to timely exercise a legal right to
2 administratively challenge such findings.

3 (5) "Client" or "resident" means a child, person with
4 developmental disabilities, or vulnerable adult applying for housing
5 assistance from a business or organization.

6 (6) "Conviction record" means "conviction record" information as
7 defined in RCW 10.97.030 and 10.97.050 relating to a crime committed
8 by either an adult or a juvenile. It does not include a conviction
9 for an offense that has been the subject of an expungement, pardon,
10 annulment, certificate of rehabilitation, or other equivalent
11 procedure based on a finding of the rehabilitation of the person
12 convicted, or a conviction that has been the subject of a pardon,
13 annulment, or other equivalent procedure based on a finding of
14 innocence. It does include convictions for offenses for which the
15 defendant received a deferred or suspended sentence, unless the
16 record has been expunged according to law.

17 (7) "Crime against children or other persons" means a conviction
18 of any of the following offenses: Aggravated murder; first or second
19 degree murder; first or second degree kidnapping; first, second, or
20 third degree assault; fourth degree assault (if a violation of RCW
21 9A.36.041(3)); first, second, or third degree assault of a child;
22 first, second, or third degree rape; first, second, or third degree
23 rape of a child; first or second degree robbery; first degree arson;
24 first degree burglary; first or second degree manslaughter; first or
25 second degree extortion; indecent liberties; incest; vehicular
26 homicide; first degree promoting prostitution; communication with a
27 minor; unlawful imprisonment; simple assault; sexual exploitation of
28 minors; first or second degree criminal mistreatment; endangerment
29 with a controlled substance; child abuse or neglect as defined in RCW
30 26.44.020; first or second degree custodial interference; first or
31 second degree custodial sexual misconduct; malicious harassment;
32 first, second, or third degree child molestation; first or second
33 degree sexual misconduct with a minor; commercial sexual abuse of a
34 minor; child abandonment; promoting pornography; selling or
35 distributing erotic material to a minor; custodial assault; violation
36 of child abuse restraining order; child buying or selling;
37 prostitution; felony indecent exposure; criminal abandonment; or any
38 of these crimes as they may be renamed in the future.

1 (8) "Crimes relating to drugs" means a conviction of a crime to
2 manufacture, delivery, or possession with intent to manufacture or
3 deliver a controlled substance.

4 (9) "Crimes relating to financial exploitation" means a
5 conviction for first, second, or third degree extortion; first,
6 second, or third degree theft; first or second degree robbery;
7 forgery; or any of these crimes as they may be renamed in the future.

8 (10) "Financial exploitation" means "financial exploitation" as
9 defined in RCW 74.34.020.

10 (11) "Health care facility" means a nursing home licensed under
11 chapter 18.51 RCW, a (~~boarding home~~) assisted living facility
12 licensed under chapter 18.20 RCW, or an adult family home licensed
13 under chapter 70.128 RCW.

14 (12) "Peer counselor" means a nonprofessional person who has
15 equal standing with another person, providing advice on a topic about
16 which the nonprofessional person is more experienced or
17 knowledgeable, and who is a counselor for a peer counseling program
18 that contracts with or is otherwise approved by the department,
19 another state or local agency, or the court.

20 (13) "Unsupervised" means not in the presence of:

21 (a) Another employee or volunteer from the same business or
22 organization as the applicant; or

23 (b) Any relative or guardian of any of the children or
24 developmentally disabled persons or vulnerable adults to which the
25 applicant has access during the course of his or her employment or
26 involvement with the business or organization.

27 With regard to peer counselors, "unsupervised" does not include
28 incidental contact with children under age sixteen at the location at
29 which the peer counseling is taking place. "Incidental contact" means
30 minor or casual contact with a child in an area accessible to and
31 within visual or auditory range of others. It could include passing a
32 child while walking down a hallway but would not include being alone
33 with a child for any period of time in a closed room or office.

34 (14) "Vulnerable adult" means "vulnerable adult" as defined in
35 chapter 74.34 RCW, except that for the purposes of requesting and
36 receiving background checks pursuant to RCW 43.43.832, it shall also
37 include adults of any age who lack the functional, mental, or
38 physical ability to care for themselves.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 7.36 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 Notwithstanding RCW 36.18.040, the sheriff may waive fees
4 associated with service of a writ of habeas corpus that was issued
5 for the return of a child when the person who was granted the writ
6 is, by reason of poverty, unable to pay the cost of service.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** (1) The administrative office of the
8 courts shall, through the Washington state gender and justice
9 commission of the supreme court, convene a work group to address the
10 issue of domestic violence perpetrator treatment and the role of
11 certified perpetrator treatment programs in holding domestic violence
12 perpetrators accountable.

13 (2) The work group must include a representative for each of the
14 following organizations or interests: Superior court judges, district
15 court judges, municipal court judges, court probation officers,
16 prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys, civil legal aid attorneys,
17 domestic violence victim advocates, domestic violence perpetrator
18 treatment providers, the department of social and health services,
19 the department of corrections, the Washington state institute for
20 public policy, and the University of Washington evidence based
21 practice institute. At least two domestic violence perpetrator
22 treatment providers must be represented as members of the work group.

23 (3) The work group shall: (a) Review laws, regulations, and court
24 and agency practices pertaining to domestic violence perpetrator
25 treatment used in civil and criminal contexts, including criminal
26 domestic violence felony and misdemeanor offenses, family law, child
27 welfare, and protection orders; (b) consider the development of a
28 universal diagnostic evaluation tool to be used by treatment
29 providers and the department of corrections to assess the treatment
30 needs of domestic violence perpetrators; and (c) develop
31 recommendations on changes to existing laws, regulations, and court
32 and agency practices to improve victim safety, decrease recidivism,
33 advance treatment outcomes, and increase the courts' confidence in
34 domestic violence perpetrator treatment.

35 (4) The work group shall report its recommendations to the
36 affected entities and the appropriate committees of the legislature
37 no later than June 30, 2018.

38 (5) The work group must operate within existing funds.

39 (6) This section expires June 30, 2019.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** (1) The legislature finds that Washington
2 state has a serious problem with domestic violence offender
3 recidivism and lethality. The Washington state institute for public
4 policy studied domestic violence offenders finding not just high
5 rates of domestic violence recidivism but among the highest rates of
6 general criminal and violent recidivism. The Washington state
7 coalition against domestic violence has issued fatality reviews of
8 domestic violence homicides in Washington under chapter 43.235 RCW
9 for over fifteen years. These fatality reviews demonstrate the
10 significant impact of domestic violence on our communities as well as
11 the barriers and high rates of lethality faced by victims. The
12 legislature further notes there have been several high profile
13 domestic violence homicides with multiple prior domestic violence
14 incidents not accounted for in the legal response. Many jurisdictions
15 nationally have encountered the same challenges as Washington and now
16 utilize risk assessment as a best practice to assist in the response
17 to domestic violence.

18 The Washington domestic violence risk assessment work group is
19 established to study how and when risk assessment can best be used to
20 improve the response to domestic violence offenders and victims and
21 find effective strategies to reduce domestic violence homicides,
22 serious injuries, and recidivism that are a result of domestic
23 violence incidents in Washington state.

24 (2)(a) The Washington state gender and justice commission, in
25 collaboration with the Washington state coalition against domestic
26 violence and the Washington State University criminal justice
27 program, shall coordinate the work group and provide staff support.

28 (b) The work group must include a representative from each of the
29 following organizations:

- 30 (i) The Washington state gender and justice commission;
- 31 (ii) The department of corrections;
- 32 (iii) The department of social and health services;
- 33 (iv) The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs;
- 34 (v) The superior court judges' association;
- 35 (vi) The district and municipal court judges' association;
- 36 (vii) The Washington state association of counties;
- 37 (viii) The Washington association of prosecuting attorneys;
- 38 (ix) The Washington defender association;
- 39 (x) The Washington association of criminal defense lawyers;
- 40 (xi) The Washington state association of cities;

1 (xii) The Washington state coalition against domestic violence;
2 (xiii) The Washington state office of civil legal aid; and
3 (xiv) The family law section of the Washington state bar
4 association.

5 (c) The work group must additionally include representation from:

6 (i) Treatment providers;

7 (ii) City law enforcement;

8 (iii) County law enforcement;

9 (iv) Court administrators; and

10 (v) Domestic violence victims or family members of a victim.

11 (3) At a minimum, the work group shall research, review, and make
12 recommendations on the following:

13 (a) How to best develop and use risk assessment in domestic
14 violence response utilizing available research and Washington state
15 data;

16 (b) Providing effective strategies for incorporating risk
17 assessment in domestic violence response to reduce deaths, serious
18 injuries, and recidivism due to domestic violence;

19 (c) Promoting access to domestic violence risk assessment for
20 advocates, police, prosecutors, corrections, and courts to improve
21 domestic violence response;

22 (d) Whether or how risk assessment could be used as an
23 alternative to mandatory arrest in domestic violence;

24 (e) Whether or how risk assessment could be used in bail
25 determinations in domestic violence cases, and in civil protection
26 order hearings;

27 (f) Whether or how offender risk, needs, and responsivity could
28 be used in determining eligibility for diversion, sentencing
29 alternatives, and treatment options;

30 (g) Whether or how victim risk, needs, and responsivity could be
31 used in improving domestic violence response;

32 (h) Whether or how risk assessment can improve prosecution and
33 encourage prosecutors to aggressively enforce domestic violence laws;
34 and

35 (i) Encouraging private sector collaboration.

36 (4) The work group shall compile its findings and recommendations
37 into a final report and provide its report to the appropriate
38 committees of the legislature and governor by June 30, 2018.

39 (5) The work group must operate within existing funds.

40 (6) This section expires June 30, 2019.

1 **Sec. 9.** RCW 18.16.100 and 2008 c 20 s 5 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) Upon completion of an application approved by the department
4 and payment of the proper fee, the director shall issue the
5 appropriate license to any person who:

6 (a) Is at least seventeen years of age or older;

7 (b)(i) Has completed and graduated from a school licensed under
8 this chapter in a curriculum approved by the director consisting of
9 the hours of training required under this chapter for a school
10 curriculum, or has met the requirements in RCW 18.16.020 or
11 18.16.130; or

12 (ii) Has successfully completed a state-approved apprenticeship
13 program consisting of the hours of training required under this
14 chapter for the apprentice training curriculum; (~~and~~)

15 (c) Has received a passing grade on the appropriate licensing
16 examination approved or administered by the director; and

17 (d) Has completed a one-hour domestic violence and sexual assault
18 awareness training course approved by the department.

19 (2) A person currently licensed under this chapter may qualify
20 for examination and licensure, after the required examination is
21 passed, in another category if he or she has completed the crossover
22 training course.

23 (3) Upon completion of an application approved by the department,
24 certification of insurance, and payment of the proper fee, the
25 director shall issue a location license to the applicant.

26 (4) The director may consult with the state board of health and
27 the department of labor and industries in establishing training,
28 apprenticeship, and examination requirements.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 18.16
30 RCW to read as follows:

31 (1) In order to receive an initial license under this chapter, an
32 applicant must have completed one hour of training in domestic
33 violence and sexual assault awareness through a training course
34 approved by the department. The department may prescribe rules
35 regarding the requirements for domestic violence and sexual assault
36 awareness courses and instructors.

37 (2) A person licensed under this chapter who has completed the
38 domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education described in
39 subsection (1) of this section as part of his or her licensure, or

1 his or her employer, shall not be civilly or criminally liable for
2 acting in good faith or failing to act on information obtained during
3 the course of employment concerning potential domestic violence or
4 sexual assault.

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