
HOUSE BILL 2926

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1 AN ACT Relating to expanding access to critical incident stress
2 management programs; adding new sections to chapter 36.28A RCW; and
3 providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.28A
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
8 specific purpose, the Washington association of sheriffs and police
9 chiefs shall conduct outreach and coordinate with local law
10 enforcement agencies for the purpose of expanding critical incident
11 stress management programs to law enforcement personnel statewide.
12 The association shall conduct an inventory of the current critical
13 incident stress management programs in the state, including an
14 assessment of underserved agencies and regions. The association shall
15 coordinate with law enforcement agencies, law enforcement
16 organizations, and community partners to provide greater access to
17 critical incident stress management programs, including peer support
18 group counselors under RCW 5.60.060, and may further assist agencies
19 with establishing interagency and regional service agreements to
20 facilitate expansion of these programs.

1 (2) The association shall submit a preliminary report by July 1,
2 2021, and submit a final report, including a summary of the inventory
3 and efforts to expand programs, by July 1, 2022, to the governor and
4 the appropriate committees of the legislature.

5 (3) This section expires January 1, 2023.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 36.28A
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 The definition in this section applies throughout this chapter
9 unless the context clearly requires otherwise. "Association" means
10 the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs.

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