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By Representatives Obras, Goodman, Leavitt, Reed, Zahn, Thomas, Gregerson, Ormsby, Reeves, Thai, Macri, Fosse, and Salahuddin; by request of Attorney General

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1 AN ACT Relating to the authority of investigators of the attorney
2 general's office; and adding a new section to chapter 43.10 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.10
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) (a) When granted concurrent criminal authority pursuant to RCW
7 43.10.232 or 43.10.320 to investigate or prosecute crime,
8 investigators have the powers of a limited authority Washington peace
9 officer, as defined in RCW 10.93.020, to investigate crimes
10 encompassed within the concurrent authority granted by a county
11 prosecutor, police agency, or the governor. The limited authority
12 Washington peace officer authority of investigators to serve search
13 warrants under this subsection is further limited to serving search
14 warrants on businesses only when such search has been authorized by a
15 judicial officer. Investigators may physically serve judicially
16 authorized search warrants for business records under this section
17 only if the business specifically requests service at a physical
18 location.

19 (b) The authority of investigators under this section does not
20 include:

21 (i) The power to detain or arrest; or

1 (ii) The authority to be armed in the performance of their
2 duties.

3 (2) Nothing in this chapter restricts or prohibits any other law
4 enforcement agency's investigative authority or criminal
5 jurisdiction.

6 (3) For the purposes of this section, "investigators" means
7 employees of the attorney general's office that investigate alleged
8 criminal activity.

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