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1 AN ACT Relating to state and local law enforcement interactions
2 with federal immigration enforcement officials; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 10.93 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 10.93
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Whenever an on-duty general authority Washington peace
8 officer or on-duty limited authority Washington peace officer
9 encounters an individual the peace officer has reasonable suspicion
10 is a United States immigration and customs enforcement employee
11 conducting immigration enforcement activities, the peace officer
12 shall:

13 (a) Activate the peace officer's body worn camera if the peace
14 officer is equipped with a body worn camera;

15 (b) Activate the peace officer's dash camera if the peace officer
16 is in the peace officer's official vehicle and if the vehicle is
17 equipped with a dash camera;

18 (c) Immediately report the encounter to the peace officer's
19 employing agency so the agency may notify the community in a manner
20 consistent with the agency's policies and procedures; and

1 (d) After the encounter, document and report the encounter with
2 the peace officer's employing agency.

3 (2) When documenting and reporting activities under subsection
4 (1) of this section, the peace officer shall attempt to:

5 (a) Contact the reporting party, if any;

6 (b) Confirm the identity of the individual the peace officer
7 suspects is conducting immigration enforcement by requesting official
8 identification, if safe and feasible; and

9 (c) Refrain from taking actions that may escalate the situation.

10 (3) The office of the attorney general shall represent a peace
11 officer in any civil or criminal proceeding arising from any actions
12 taken by the peace officer in compliance with this section if the
13 action was taken in good faith while the peace officer was acting
14 within the peace officer's scope of employment. The attorney
15 general's representation under this subsection must be provided at no
16 cost to the peace officer.

17 (4) The state shall indemnify and hold harmless a peace officer
18 in the amount of any judgment or fine levied against the peace
19 officer in any civil or criminal proceeding arising from any actions
20 taken by the peace officer in compliance with this section if the
21 action was taken in good faith while the peace officer was acting
22 within the peace officer's scope of employment.

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