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1 AN ACT Relating to reestablishing the advisory board for the
2 missing and exploited children task force; and adding a new section
3 to chapter 13.60 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 13.60
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 The advisory board on missing and exploited children is
8 established to advise the chief of the Washington state patrol on the
9 objectives, conduct, management, and coordination of the various
10 activities of the task force on missing and exploited children.

11 (1) The chief of the Washington state patrol shall appoint five
12 members to the advisory board as provided herein:

13 (a) One member shall be a county prosecuting attorney or a
14 representative and shall be appointed in consultation with the
15 elected county prosecuting attorneys;

16 (b) One member shall be a municipal police chief or a county
17 sheriff, or their representative, and shall be appointed in
18 consultation with the association of sheriffs and police chiefs under
19 RCW 36.28A.010;

20 (c) One member shall be a representative of the Washington state
21 patrol;

1 (d) One member shall be a defense attorney or a representative
2 and shall be appointed in consultation with the Washington
3 association of criminal defense lawyers; and

4 (e) One member shall be a representative of and appointed by the
5 attorney general.

6 (2) To improve interagency communication and coordination, the
7 chief of the Washington state patrol shall invite representatives of
8 federal law enforcement agencies and state social service agencies to
9 participate in the advisory board.

10 (3) The members of the advisory board shall be qualified on the
11 basis of knowledge and experience as may contribute to the effective
12 performance of the board's duties. The advisory board shall elect its
13 own chair from among its members. Meetings of the advisory board may
14 be convened at the call of the chair or by a majority of the members.

15 (4) The term of each member of the advisory board shall be two
16 years and shall be conditioned upon the member retaining the official
17 position from which the member was appointed.

18 (5) The advisory board shall meet on at least an annual basis.

19 (6) By December 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the advisory
20 board must submit a report to the appropriate committees of the
21 legislature. The report must include:

22 (a) Details regarding reactive sting operations and proactive
23 sting operations conducted by the task force on missing and exploited
24 children in the reporting year, including:

25 (i) The total number of reactive sting operations and proactive
26 sting operations conducted;

27 (ii) The number of exploited children rescued as a result of
28 reactive sting operations and proactive sting operations; and

29 (iii) Statistics regarding the people arrested and sentenced as a
30 result of reactive sting operations and proactive sting operations;

31 (b) Assessments of the objectives, conduct, achievements, and
32 performance outcomes of the task force on missing and exploited
33 children; and

34 (c) Recommendations, if any, to better achieve the objectives of
35 the task force on missing and exploited children.

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