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1 AN ACT Relating to strengthening security for Washington state
2 judicial officers and court personnel; amending RCW 2.04.260 and
3 10.97.050; and adding a new section to chapter 2.56 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.04.260 and 2024 c 303 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) Bailiffs of the supreme court are authorized to conduct
8 threat assessments on behalf of supreme court (~~justices~~) judicial
9 officers. The supreme court shall ensure that supreme court bailiffs
10 are qualified by training and experience if they perform these
11 duties.

12 (2) Bailiffs of the supreme court are authorized to receive
13 criminal history record information that includes nonconviction data
14 for purposes exclusively related to the investigation of any person
15 making a threat as defined in RCW 9A.04.110 against a supreme court
16 (~~justice~~) judicial officer. Dissemination or use of criminal
17 history records or nonconviction data for purposes other than
18 authorized in this section is prohibited.

19 (3) Founded threats investigated under this section must be
20 referred to local law enforcement for further action. Local law

1 enforcement is authorized to report the outcome and any anticipated
2 action to bailiffs of the supreme court.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 2.56 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) Court security personnel of the administrative office of the
6 courts are authorized to conduct threat assessments on behalf of
7 judicial officers. The administrative office of the courts shall
8 ensure that court security personnel are qualified by training and
9 experience if they perform these duties.

10 (2) Court security personnel of the administrative office of the
11 courts are authorized to receive criminal history record information
12 that includes nonconviction data exclusively for purposes related to
13 the investigation of any threat or person making a threat as defined
14 in RCW 9A.04.110 against a judicial officer. Dissemination or use of
15 criminal history records or nonconviction data for purposes other
16 than authorized in this section is prohibited.

17 (3) Founded threats investigated under this section must be
18 referred to local law enforcement for further action. Local law
19 enforcement is authorized to report the outcome and any anticipated
20 action to the court security personnel of the administrative office
21 of the courts.

22 (4) For purposes of this section, "judicial officer" means a
23 justice, judge, commissioner, or magistrate of the United States
24 supreme court, the United States district court, the United States
25 court of appeals, the United States bankruptcy court, the Washington
26 supreme court, court of appeals, superior court, district court, or
27 municipal court, industrial appeals judges appointed under Title 51
28 RCW, and administrative law judges appointed under Title 34 RCW.

29 **Sec. 3.** RCW 10.97.050 and 2024 c 303 s 2 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 (1) Conviction records may be disseminated without restriction.

32 (2) Any criminal history record information which pertains to an
33 incident that occurred within the last twelve months for which a
34 person is currently being processed by the criminal justice system,
35 including the entire period of correctional supervision extending
36 through final discharge from parole, when applicable, may be
37 disseminated without restriction.

1 (3) Criminal history record information which includes
2 nonconviction data may be disseminated by a criminal justice agency
3 to another criminal justice agency for any purpose associated with
4 the administration of criminal justice, or in connection with the
5 employment of the subject of the record by a criminal justice or
6 juvenile justice agency, except as provided under RCW 13.50.260. A
7 criminal justice agency may respond to any inquiry from another
8 criminal justice agency without any obligation to ascertain the
9 purpose for which the information is to be used by the agency making
10 the inquiry.

11 (4) Criminal history record information which includes
12 nonconviction data may be disseminated by a criminal justice agency
13 to implement a statute, ordinance, executive order, or a court rule,
14 decision, or order which expressly refers to records of arrest,
15 charges, or allegations of criminal conduct or other nonconviction
16 data and authorizes or directs that it be available or accessible for
17 a specific purpose.

18 (5) Criminal history record information which includes
19 nonconviction data may be disseminated to individuals and agencies
20 pursuant to a contract with a criminal justice agency to provide
21 services related to the administration of criminal justice. Such
22 contract must specifically authorize access to criminal history
23 record information, but need not specifically state that access to
24 nonconviction data is included. The agreement must limit the use of
25 the criminal history record information to stated purposes and insure
26 the confidentiality and security of the information consistent with
27 state law and any applicable federal statutes and regulations.

28 (6) Criminal history record information which includes
29 nonconviction data may be disseminated to individuals and agencies
30 for the express purpose of research, evaluative, or statistical
31 activities pursuant to an agreement with a criminal justice agency.
32 Such agreement must authorize the access to nonconviction data, limit
33 the use of that information which identifies specific individuals to
34 research, evaluative, or statistical purposes, and contain provisions
35 giving notice to the person or organization to which the records are
36 disseminated that the use of information obtained therefrom and
37 further dissemination of such information are subject to the
38 provisions of this chapter and applicable federal statutes and
39 regulations, which shall be cited with express reference to the
40 penalties provided for a violation thereof.

1 (7) Criminal history record information that includes
2 nonconviction data may be disseminated to the state auditor solely
3 for the express purpose of conducting a process compliance audit
4 procedure and review of any deadly force investigation pursuant to
5 RCW 43.101.460. Dissemination or use of nonconviction data for
6 purposes other than authorized in this subsection is prohibited.

7 (8) (a) Criminal history record information that includes
8 nonconviction data may be disseminated to bailiffs of the supreme
9 court solely for the express purpose of investigations under RCW
10 2.04.260. Dissemination or use of nonconviction data for purposes
11 other than authorized in this subsection is prohibited.

12 (b) Criminal history record information that includes
13 nonconviction data may be disseminated to court security personnel of
14 the administrative office of the courts for the express purpose of
15 investigations under section 2 of this act. Dissemination or use of
16 nonconviction data for purposes other than authorized in this
17 subsection is prohibited.

18 (9) Every criminal justice agency that maintains and disseminates
19 criminal history record information must maintain information
20 pertaining to every dissemination of criminal history record
21 information except a dissemination to the effect that the agency has
22 no record concerning an individual. Information pertaining to
23 disseminations shall include:

24 (a) An indication of to whom (agency or person) criminal history
25 record information was disseminated;

26 (b) The date on which the information was disseminated;

27 (c) The individual to whom the information relates; and

28 (d) A brief description of the information disseminated.

29 The information pertaining to dissemination required to be
30 maintained shall be retained for a period of not less than one year.

31 (10) In addition to the other provisions in this section allowing
32 dissemination of criminal history record information, RCW 4.24.550
33 governs dissemination of information concerning offenders who commit
34 sex offenses as defined by RCW 9.94A.030. Criminal justice agencies,
35 their employees, and officials shall be immune from civil liability
36 for dissemination on criminal history record information concerning
37 sex offenders as provided in RCW 4.24.550.

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