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1 AN ACT Relating to strengthening security for Washington state
2 judicial officers and court personnel; amending RCW 4.24.680,
3 4.24.700, 9A.46.020, 9A.90.120, 2.04.260, and 10.97.050; and adding a
4 new section to chapter 2.56 RCW.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 4.24.680 and 2006 c 355 s 2 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (1) A person shall not knowingly make available on the ((world
9 wide web)) internet the personal information of ((a peace officer,
10 corrections person, justice, judge, commissioner, public defender, or
11 prosecutor)) an eligible individual if the dissemination of the
12 personal information poses ((an imminent and serious)) a threat to
13 the ((peace officer's, corrections person's, justice's, judge's,
14 commissioner's, public defender's, or prosecutor's)) eligible
15 individual's safety or the safety of ((that person's)) the eligible
16 individual's immediate family ((and the threat is reasonably apparent
17 to the person making the information available on the world wide web
18 to be serious and imminent)).

19 (2) It is not a violation of this section if an employee of a
20 county auditor or county assessor publishes personal information, in
21 good faith, on the website of the county auditor or county assessor

1 in the ordinary course of carrying out public functions provided that
2 the employee, county auditor, or county assessor complies with
3 requests to shield or remove personal information pursuant to
4 subsection (3) of this section.

5 (3) Any agency, business, person, data broker, or website who
6 receives a notice or request from an eligible individual or an
7 eligible individual's authorized agent for removal of his or her
8 personal information from the internet must comply within 10 business
9 days following physical or electronic receipt of the request or
10 notice to remove the individual's personal information.

11 (a) An agency, business, person, data broker, or website may not
12 disclose or redisclose including, but not limited to, on the
13 internet, the personal information of any eligible individual who
14 submits a request or notice for removal.

15 (b) For the purposes of this section, no provider or user of an
16 interactive computer service shall be treated as the publisher or
17 speaker of any information provided by another information content
18 provider.

19 (4) For the purposes of this section:

20 (a) (~~"Commissioner" means a commissioner of the superior court,~~
21 ~~court of appeals, or supreme court.~~) "Authorized agent" means any
22 persons or entities authorized to act on behalf of any eligible
23 individual to submit or revoke a request for nondisclosure of
24 personal information and to engage in communications and enforcement.

25 (b) "Corrections person" means any employee or volunteer who by
26 state, county, municipal, or combination thereof, statute has the
27 responsibility for the confinement, care, management, training,
28 treatment, education, supervision, or counseling of those whose civil
29 rights have been limited in some way by legal sanction.

30 (c) "Court clerk" means any individual performing the duties in
31 RCW 2.32.050.

32 (d) "Eligible individual" means a peace officer, corrections
33 person, judicial officer, public defender, prosecutor, court clerk,
34 person appointed to any position under RCW 34.12.030, or criminal
35 justice participant described in RCW 9A.46.020(4).

36 (e) "Immediate family" means ((a peace officer's, corrections
37 person's, justice's, judge's, commissioner's, public defender's, or
38 prosecutor's)) an eligible individual's spouse, child, or parent and
39 any other adult or child who lives in the same residence as the
40 ((person)) eligible individual.

1 (~~(d)~~ "Judge") (f) "Judicial officer" means a justice, judge,
2 commissioner, or magistrate of the United States supreme court, the
3 United States district court, the United States court of appeals,
4 (~~the United States magistrate,~~) the United States bankruptcy court,
5 (~~and~~) the Washington supreme court, court of appeals, superior
6 court, district court, or municipal court, and administrative law
7 judges appointed under Title 34 RCW.

8 (~~(e)~~ "Justice" means a justice of the United States supreme
9 court or Washington supreme court.

10 (~~(f)~~) (g) "Personal information" means (~~(a peace officer's,~~
11 ~~corrections person's, justice's, judge's, commissioner's, public~~
12 ~~defender's, or prosecutor's)~~) an eligible individual's home address,
13 home telephone number, pager number, social security number, home
14 email address, directions to the (~~person's~~) eligible individual's
15 home, or photographs of the (~~person's~~) eligible individual's home
16 or vehicle.

17 (~~(g)~~) (h) "Prosecutor" means a county prosecuting attorney, a
18 city attorney, the attorney general, or a United States attorney and
19 their assistants or deputies.

20 (~~(h)~~) (i) "Public defender" means a federal public defender, or
21 other public defender, and his or her assistants or deputies.

22 **Sec. 2.** RCW 4.24.700 and 2006 c 355 s 3 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 Any person whose personal information is made available on the
25 (~~world wide web~~) internet as described in RCW 4.24.680(1) who
26 suffers damages as a result of such conduct may bring an action
27 against the person or organization who makes such information
28 available, for actual damages sustained plus damages in an amount not
29 to exceed (~~one thousand dollars~~) \$1,000 for each day the personal
30 information was made available on the (~~world wide web~~) internet
31 after expiration of the 10 business day deadline in RCW 4.24.680(3)
32 or after the date of an order issued under RCW 4.24.690, and
33 reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

34 **Sec. 3.** RCW 9A.46.020 and 2024 c 292 s 1 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 (1) A person is guilty of harassment if:

37 (a) Without lawful authority, the person knowingly threatens:

1 (i) To cause bodily injury immediately or in the future to the
2 person threatened or to any other person; or

3 (ii) To cause physical damage to the property of a person other
4 than the actor; or

5 (iii) To subject the person threatened or any other person to
6 physical confinement or restraint; or

7 (iv) Maliciously to do any other act which is intended to
8 substantially harm the person threatened or another with respect to
9 his or her physical health or safety; and

10 (b) The person by words or conduct places the person threatened
11 in reasonable fear that the threat will be carried out. "Words or
12 conduct" includes, in addition to any other form of communication or
13 conduct, the sending of an electronic communication.

14 (2) (a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, a person who
15 harasses another is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

16 (b) A person who harasses another is guilty of a class C felony
17 if any of the following apply: (i) The person has previously been
18 convicted in this or any other state of any crime of harassment, as
19 defined in RCW 9A.46.060, of the same victim or members of the
20 victim's family or household or any person specifically named in a
21 no-contact or no-harassment order; (ii) the person harasses another
22 person under subsection (1) (a) (i) of this section by threatening to
23 kill the person threatened or any other person; (iii) the person
24 harasses a criminal justice participant or election official who is
25 performing his or her official duties at the time the threat is made;
26 or (iv) the person harasses a criminal justice participant or
27 election official because of an action taken or decision made by the
28 criminal justice participant or election official during the
29 performance of his or her official duties. For the purposes of
30 (b) (iii) and (iv) of this subsection, the fear from the threat must
31 be a fear that a reasonable criminal justice participant or election
32 official would have under all the circumstances. Threatening words do
33 not constitute harassment if it is apparent to the criminal justice
34 participant or election official that the person does not have the
35 present and future ability to carry out the threat.

36 (3) Any criminal justice participant or election official who is
37 a target for threats or harassment prohibited under subsection
38 (2) (b) (iii) or (iv) of this section, and any person residing with him
39 or her, shall be eligible for the address confidentiality program
40 created under RCW 40.24.030.

1 (4) For purposes of this section, a criminal justice participant
2 includes any:

3 (a) ~~((federal))~~ Federal, state, or local court judicial officer;

4 (b) Federal, state, or local court administrator or staff;

5 (c) Federal, state, or local law enforcement agency employee;

6 ~~((b) federal))~~ (d) Federal, state, or local prosecuting attorney
7 or deputy prosecuting attorney;

8 ~~((e) staff))~~ (e) Staff member of any adult corrections
9 institution or local adult detention facility;

10 ~~((d) staff))~~ (f) Staff member of any juvenile corrections
11 institution or local juvenile detention facility;

12 ~~((e) community))~~ (g) Community corrections officer, probation,
13 or parole officer;

14 ~~((f) member))~~ (h) Member of the indeterminate sentence review
15 board;

16 ~~((g) advocate))~~ (i) Advocate from a crime victim/witness
17 program;

18 ~~((or (h) defense))~~ (j) Defense attorney; or

19 (k) State or local clerk staff.

20 (5) For the purposes of this section, an election official
21 includes any staff member of the office of the secretary of state or
22 staff member of a county auditor's office, regardless of whether the
23 member is employed on a temporary or part-time basis, whose duties
24 relate to voter registration or the processing of votes as provided
25 in Title 29A RCW.

26 (6) The penalties provided in this section for harassment do not
27 preclude the victim from seeking any other remedy otherwise available
28 under law.

29 **Sec. 4.** RCW 9A.90.120 and 2022 c 231 s 1 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 (1) A person is guilty of cyber harassment if the person, with
32 intent to harass or intimidate any other person, and under
33 circumstances not constituting telephone harassment, makes an
34 electronic communication to that person or a third party and the
35 communication:

36 (a)(i) Uses any lewd, lascivious, indecent, or obscene words,
37 images, or language, or suggests the commission of any lewd or
38 lascivious act;

39 (ii) Is made anonymously or repeatedly;

1 (iii) Contains a threat to inflict bodily injury immediately or
2 in the future on the person threatened or to any other person; or

3 (iv) Contains a threat to damage, immediately or in the future,
4 the property of the person threatened or of any other person; and

5 (b) With respect to any offense committed under the circumstances
6 identified in (a)(iii) or (iv) of this subsection:

7 (i) Would cause a reasonable person, with knowledge of the
8 sender's history, to suffer emotional distress or to fear for the
9 safety of the person threatened; or

10 (ii) Reasonably caused the threatened person to suffer emotional
11 distress or fear for the threatened person's safety.

12 (2)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, cyber
13 harassment is a gross misdemeanor.

14 (b) A person who commits cyber harassment is guilty of a class C
15 felony if any of the following apply:

16 (i) The person has previously been convicted in this or any other
17 state of any crime of harassment, as defined in RCW 9A.46.060, of the
18 same victim or members of the victim's family or household or any
19 person specifically named in a no-contact or no-harassment order;

20 (ii) The person cyber harasses another person under subsection
21 (1)(a)(iii) of this section by threatening to kill the person
22 threatened or any other person;

23 (iii) The person cyber harasses a criminal justice participant or
24 election official who is performing the participant's official duties
25 or election official's official duties at the time the communication
26 is made;

27 (iv) The person cyber harasses a criminal justice participant or
28 election official because of an action taken or decision made by the
29 criminal justice participant or election official during the
30 performance of the participant's official duties or election
31 official's official duties; or

32 (v) The person commits cyber harassment in violation of any
33 protective order protecting the victim.

34 (3) Any criminal justice participant or election official who is
35 a target for threats or harassment prohibited under subsection
36 (2)(b)(iii) or (iv) of this section, and any family members residing
37 with the participant or election official, shall be eligible for the
38 address confidentiality program created under RCW 40.24.030.

39 (4) For purposes of this section, ~~((a) criminal justice~~
40 ~~participant includes any:~~

1 ~~(a) Federal, state, or municipal court judge;~~
2 ~~(b) Federal, state, or municipal court staff;~~
3 ~~(c) Federal, state, or local law enforcement agency employee;~~
4 ~~(d) Federal, state, or local prosecuting attorney or deputy~~
5 ~~prosecuting attorney;~~
6 ~~(e) Staff member of any adult corrections institution or local~~
7 ~~adult detention facility;~~
8 ~~(f) Staff member of any juvenile corrections institution or local~~
9 ~~juvenile detention facility;~~
10 ~~(g) Community corrections officer, probation officer, or parole~~
11 ~~officer;~~
12 ~~(h) Member of the indeterminate sentence review board;~~
13 ~~(i) Advocate from a crime victim/witness program; or~~
14 ~~(j) Defense attorney)) "criminal justice participant" has the~~
15 ~~definition provided in RCW 9A.46.020(4).~~

16 (5) For the purposes of this section, an election official
17 includes any staff member of the office of the secretary of state or
18 staff member of a county auditor's office, regardless of whether the
19 member is employed on a temporary or part-time basis, whose duties
20 relate to voter registration or the processing of votes as provided
21 in Title 29A RCW.

22 (6) The penalties provided in this section for cyber harassment
23 do not preclude the victim from seeking any other remedy otherwise
24 available under law.

25 (7) Any offense committed under this section may be deemed to
26 have been committed either at the place from which the communication
27 was made or at the place where the communication was received.

28 (8) For purposes of this section, "electronic communication"
29 means the transmission of information by wire, radio, optical cable,
30 electromagnetic, or other similar means. "Electronic communication"
31 includes, but is not limited to, email, internet-based
32 communications, pager service, and electronic text messaging.

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

35 (1) Bailiffs of the supreme court are authorized to conduct
36 threat assessments on behalf of supreme court ((justices)) judicial
37 officers. The supreme court shall ensure that supreme court bailiffs
38 are qualified by training and experience if they perform these
39 duties.

1 (2) Bailiffs of the supreme court are authorized to receive
2 criminal history record information that includes nonconviction data
3 for purposes exclusively related to the investigation of any person
4 making a threat as defined in RCW 9A.04.110 against a supreme court
5 ((justice)) judicial officer. Dissemination or use of criminal
6 history records or nonconviction data for purposes other than
7 authorized in this section is prohibited.

8 (3) Founded threats investigated under this section must be
9 referred to local law enforcement for further action. Local law
10 enforcement is authorized to report the outcome and any anticipated
11 action to bailiffs of the supreme court.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 2.56 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) Court security consultants of the administrative office of
15 the courts are authorized to conduct threat assessments on behalf of
16 judicial officers. The administrative office of the courts shall
17 ensure that court security consultants are qualified by training and
18 experience if they perform these duties.

19 (2) Court security consultants of the administrative office of
20 the courts are authorized to receive criminal history record
21 information that includes nonconviction data exclusively for purposes
22 related to the investigation of any threat or person making a threat
23 as defined in RCW 9A.04.110 against a judicial officer. Dissemination
24 or use of criminal history records or nonconviction data for purposes
25 other than authorized in this section is prohibited.

26 (3) Founded threats investigated under this section must be
27 referred to local law enforcement for further action. Local law
28 enforcement is authorized to report the outcome and any anticipated
29 action to the court security consultants of the administrative office
30 of the courts.

31 **Sec. 7.** RCW 10.97.050 and 2024 c 303 s 2 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

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

34 (2) Any criminal history record information which pertains to an
35 incident that occurred within the last twelve months for which a
36 person is currently being processed by the criminal justice system,
37 including the entire period of correctional supervision extending

1 through final discharge from parole, when applicable, may be
2 disseminated without restriction.

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

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

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

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

1 regulations, which shall be cited with express reference to the
2 penalties provided for a violation thereof.

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

9 (8) (a) Criminal history record information that includes
10 nonconviction data may be disseminated to bailiffs of the supreme
11 court solely for the express purpose of investigations under RCW
12 2.04.260. Dissemination or use of nonconviction data for purposes
13 other than authorized in this subsection is prohibited.

14 (b) Criminal history record information that includes
15 nonconviction data may be disseminated to court security consultants
16 of the administrative office of the courts for the express purpose of
17 investigations under section 6 of this act. Dissemination or use of
18 nonconviction data for purposes other than authorized in this
19 subsection is prohibited.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 for dissemination on criminal history record information concerning
2 sex offenders as provided in RCW 4.24.550.

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