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1 AN ACT Relating to the creation of an office of investigative
2 assistance within the Washington state patrol; and adding a new section
3 to chapter 43.43 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 43.43 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) An office of investigative assistance is created in the
8 Washington state patrol, which shall be under the direction of the
9 chief of the Washington state patrol.

10 (2) The office of investigative assistance shall investigate cyber
11 crimes, identity theft, drug trafficking law violations, organized
12 crime activity, gang-related criminal activity, and missing and
13 exploited children. The office of investigative assistance shall
14 direct the use of computer forensics, laboratory forensics, drug
15 control, and special weapons and tactics by the Washington state
16 patrol.

17 (3) The office of investigative assistance shall be organized at
18 the discretion of the chief of the Washington state patrol. In
19 addition to any newly created units by the chief of the Washington

1 state patrol, the office of investigative assistance shall be comprised
2 of the organized crime intelligence unit, RCW 43.43.850, the drug
3 control assistance unit, RCW 43.43.600, the special narcotics
4 enforcement unit, RCW 43.43.655, the bureau of forensic laboratory
5 services, RCW 43.43.670, and the missing children clearinghouse, RCW
6 43.43.870.

7 (4) The office of investigative assistance will assist local
8 jurisdictions in the investigation of crimes described in subsection
9 (2) of this section that cross existing jurisdictional lines or that
10 require specialized technical skills.

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