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By Senators Madsen, Hansen, Bauer, Rasmussen, Amondson, Metcalf and A. Smith.

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1 AN ACT Relating to juvenile offenders; and adding new sections to
2 chapter 13.16 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The counties are expressly
5 authorized to implement and operate a boot camp program to provide an
6 intensive educational and physical training and rehabilitative program
7 for appropriate children.

8 (2) A child may be placed in a boot camp program if he is at least
9 fourteen years of age but less than eighteen years of age at the time
10 of adjudication and has been committed to the department as:

11 (a) A serious offender, as defined in RCW 13.40.020(1); or

12 (b) A minor or first offender, as defined in RCW 13.40.020(14).

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) Each county establishing a boot camp
2 program shall screen children sent to the program, so that only those
3 children who have medical and psychological profiles conducive to
4 successfully completing an intensive work, educational, and
5 disciplinary program may be admitted to the program. A participating
6 county shall adopt rules for screening such admissions.

7 (2) The program shall include educational assignments, work
8 assignments, and physical training exercises. Children shall be
9 required to participate in educational, vocational, and substance abuse
10 programs and to receive additional training in techniques of
11 appropriate decision making, as well as in life skills and job skills.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Each county establishing a boot camp
13 program shall:

14 (1) Provide an aftercare component for monitoring and assisting the
15 release of program participants into the community;

16 (2) Adopt rules for the program and aftercare which provide for at
17 least six months of participation in the program and aftercare for
18 successful completion and which also provide disciplinary sanctions and
19 restrictions on the privileges of the general population of children in
20 the program; and

21 (3) Keep records and monitor criminal activity, educational
22 progress, and employment placement of program participants after their
23 release from the program. An outcome evaluation study shall be
24 published no later eighteen months after the program becomes
25 operational, which includes a comparison of criminal activity,
26 educational progress, and employment placements of children completing
27 the program with the criminal activity, educational progress, and
28 employment records of children completing other types of programs.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A participating county may also contract
2 with private organizations for the operation of the boot camp program
3 and aftercare.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) If a child in the boot camp program
5 becomes unmanageable or medically or psychologically ineligible, the
6 participating county shall remove the child from the program.

7 (2) A participating county shall either establish criteria for
8 training contract staff or provide a special training program for
9 county personnel selected for the boot camp program, which shall
10 include appropriate methods of dealing with children who have been
11 placed in such a stringent program.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act are
13 each added to chapter 13.16 RCW.