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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that high crime rates
8 and a heightened sense of vulnerability have led to increased public
9 pressure on criminal justice officials to increase offender punishment
10 and remove the most dangerous criminals from the streets. As a result,
11 there is unprecedented growth in the corrections populations and
12 overcrowding of prisons and local jails. Skyrocketing costs and high
13 rates of recidivism have become issues of major public concern.
14 Attention must be directed towards implementing a long-range
15 corrections strategy that focuses on inmate responsibility through
16 intensive work ethic training.

17 The legislature finds that many offenders lack basic life skills
18 and have been largely unaffected by traditional correctional
19 philosophies and programs. In addition, many first-time offenders who
20 enter the prison system learn more about how to be criminals than the
21 important qualities, values, and skills needed to successfully adapt to
22 a life without crime.

23 The legislature finds that opportunities for offenders to improve
24 themselves are extremely limited and there has not been adequate
25 emphasis on alternatives to total confinement for nonviolent offenders.

26 The legislature finds that the explosion of drug crimes since the
27 inception of the sentencing reform act and the response of the criminal
28 justice system have resulted in a much higher proportion of substance
29 abuse-affected offenders in the state's prisons and jails. The needs
30 of this population differ from those of other offenders and present a
31 great challenge to the system. The problems are exacerbated by the
32 shortage of drug treatment and counseling programs both in and outside
33 of prisons.

34 The legislature finds that the concept of a work ethic camp that
35 requires the offender to complete an appropriate and balanced
36 combination of highly structured and goal-oriented work programs such

1 as correctional industries based work camps and/or class I and class II
2 work projects, drug rehabilitation, and intensive life management work
3 ethic training, can successfully reduce offender recidivism and lower
4 the overall cost of incarceration.

5 It is the purpose and intent of sections 1 through 6 of this act to
6 implement a regimented work ethic camp that is designed to directly
7 address the high rate of recidivism, reduce upwardly spiraling prison
8 costs, preserve scarce and high cost prison space for the most
9 dangerous offenders, and provide judges with a tough and sound
10 alternative to traditional incarceration without compromising public
11 safety.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires
13 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout sections 1
14 through 6 of this act.

15 (1) "Department" means the department of corrections.

16 (2) "Secretary" means the secretary of corrections.

17 (3) "Transition training" means written and verbal instructions and
18 assistance provided by the department to the offender during the two
19 weeks prior to the offender's successful completion of the work ethic
20 camp program. The transition training shall include instructions in
21 the offender's requirements and obligations during the offender's
22 period of postrelease supervision.

23 (4) "First-time drug offender" means any person who is convicted of
24 a felony for the first time in violation of chapter 69.50 RCW, or of
25 any offense defined as a felony under federal law that relates to the
26 possession, manufacture, or delivery of a controlled substance, or any
27 out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this
28 state would be a felony classified as a drug offense under current
29 statute.

30 (5) "Work ethic camp" means an alternative incarceration program
31 designed to reduce recidivism and lower the cost of corrections by
32 requiring offenders to complete a comprehensive array of real-world job
33 and vocational experiences, character-building work ethics training,
34 life management skills development, substance abuse rehabilitation,
35 counseling, literacy training, and basic adult education. The
36 objectives of the program are to deter offenders from committing
37 additional crimes by requiring them to experience the sobering

1 realities of prison life and simultaneously complete an intense range
2 of character and skill building challenges.

3 (6) "Incarceration program" means the work ethic camp.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The department of corrections shall
5 establish one work ethic camp. The secretary shall locate the
6 incarceration program within an already existing department compound or
7 facility, or in a facility that is scheduled to come on line within the
8 initial implementation date outlined in this section. The facility
9 selected for an incarceration program shall appropriately accommodate
10 the logistical and cost-effective objectives contained in sections 1
11 through 6 of this act. The department shall be ready to assign inmates
12 to the incarceration program one hundred twenty days after the
13 effective date of this act. The department shall establish the work
14 ethic program cycle to last from one hundred twenty to one hundred
15 eighty days. The department shall develop all aspects of the
16 incarceration program including, but not limited to, program standards,
17 conduct standards, educational components including general education
18 development test achievement, offender incentives, drug rehabilitation
19 program parameters, individual and team work goals, techniques for
20 improving the offender's self-esteem, citizenship skills for successful
21 living in the community, measures to hold the offender accountable for
22 his or her behavior, and the successful completion of the incarceration
23 program granted to the offender based on successful attendance,
24 participation, and performance as defined by the secretary. The work
25 ethic camp shall be designed and implemented so that offenders are
26 continually engaged in meaningful activities and unstructured time is
27 kept to a minimum. In addition, the department is encouraged to
28 explore the integration and overlay of a military style approach to the
29 work ethic camp.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) Offenders shall be recommended for
31 consideration to participate in the incarceration program at the time
32 of their sentencing by the sentencing judge. Upon sentencing an
33 offender to work ethic camp, the sentencing judge shall convert the
34 period of work ethic camp confinement at a rate of one day of work
35 ethic camp confinement to three days of total standard confinement.
36 Only those offenders who successfully complete their sentence in work
37 ethic camp, as defined by the department, shall be eligible to convert

1 their sentence at this ratio. The court shall, as a component of any
2 sentence regarding work ethic camp, also impose a term of community
3 placement postrelease supervision. The total time spent in the work
4 ethic program and postrelease supervision shall not exceed the initial
5 sentence imposed. During the last two weeks prior to release from work
6 ethic camp the department shall provide the offender with comprehensive
7 transition training. The court shall send a copy of the offender's
8 sentence to the department within five working days of sentencing. The
9 department shall arrange to take custody of the offender within its
10 established customary time frame after the documents have been provided
11 to the department by the court. The department shall then be
12 responsible for determining if the offender is eligible for the
13 incarceration program based on the following criteria:

14 (a) The offender is between the ages of eighteen and twenty-eight
15 years.

16 (b) The offender has no known physical or mental impairments that
17 would prevent his or her ability to perform the challenging physical
18 and mental activities associated with this program.

19 (c) The offender is a first-time drug offender or an offender who
20 is sentenced for not more than thirty-six months or less than twenty-
21 two months.

22 (d) The offender has not been convicted of any sex offenses or
23 violent offenses.

24 (e) The offender agrees to and signs the terms and conditions of
25 the program designated by the secretary.

26 The department shall develop written incarceration program offender
27 eligibility criteria and make the information available to the
28 appropriate sentencing courts.

29 (2) The secretary shall prescribe the form and content of the
30 agreement to be signed by the eligible offender before entering the
31 incarceration program.

32 (3) The department may place inmates eligible for the work ethic
33 camp incarceration program in program beds that have not been utilized
34 by the court. The secretary shall ensure that court-referred inmates
35 receive priority placement in the program.

36 (4) An inmate who fails to complete the incarceration program, who
37 is administratively terminated from the incarceration program, or who
38 otherwise violates any conditions of supervision, as defined by the
39 department, shall be reclassified to serve the unexpired term of his or

1 her sentence as ordered by the sentencing court and subject to all
2 rules relating to earned early release time.

3 (5) An inmate who is sentenced or transferred to the incarceration
4 program shall serve no less than one hundred twenty or more than one
5 hundred eighty days as defined by the department to be considered a
6 successful graduate of the incarceration program. Because of the
7 conversion ratio, earned early release time shall not accrue to
8 offenders sentenced to the work ethic camp.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The department work ethic program facility
10 shall employ one hundred percent of all inmates. The employment
11 options available for inmates shall include meaningful work
12 opportunities that provide the offender with real-world skills that
13 help the offender find employment when he or she successfully completes
14 the incarceration program. The department shall include in the
15 incarceration program, without limitation, class I, class II, and class
16 IV correctional programs. No more than thirty-five percent of the
17 total inmate population in the facility shall be employed in class III
18 correctional industries programs in the first year and thereafter ten
19 percent less per year until a maximum of ten percent of the inmates are
20 working in this employment class. In addition, work options shall also
21 include department-supervised work crews as defined by the department.
22 These work crews shall have the ability to work on public roads
23 conducting litter control, minor emergency repair or other minor tasks
24 that do not negatively impact employment opportunities for people with
25 developmental disabilities contracted through the operation of
26 sheltered workshops as defined in RCW 82.04.385, or have a negative
27 impact on the local labor market or local business community as
28 assessed by the department correctional industries advisory board of
29 directors. The department shall establish, to the extent possible,
30 programs that will positively impact our natural environment such as,
31 but not limited to, recycling programs and minor environmental cleanup
32 programs. If the department is directed by the legislature to increase
33 the percentage of inmates employed in correctional industries programs,
34 inmates employed through work ethic camps shall not be counted towards
35 this total percentage.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The incarceration program established in
37 sections 1 through 6 of this act shall be considered a pilot

1 alternative incarceration program and remain in effect until July 1,
2 1998. The department and the office of financial management shall
3 monitor and analyze the effectiveness of the incarceration program and
4 complete a final outcome evaluation study by January 15, 1998. Based
5 on the findings of this final outcome evaluation study, the legislature
6 may extend the program. The study shall include: The recidivism rates
7 of successful program graduates, analysis of the overall program costs,
8 the ability to maintain public safety, and any other pertinent data
9 established by the department. The department may encourage interested
10 universities to participate in studies that will enhance the
11 effectiveness of the program.

12 The department of corrections shall seek the availability of
13 federal funds for the planning, implementation, evaluation, and
14 training of staff for work ethic camp programs, substance abuse
15 programs, and offender education programs.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 6 of this act are each
17 added to chapter 72.09 RCW.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** If any provision of this act or its
19 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
20 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
21 persons or circumstances is not affected.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** This act is necessary for the immediate
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
24 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
25 effect July 1, 1993."

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