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By Senators Hargrove, Long, Franklin, Kohl and Winsley; by request of Department of Corrections

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1 AN ACT Relating to admissibility in court of records certified by
2 the secretary of corrections or his or her designee; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 72.01 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 72.01 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 Any copy of a criminal offender record, photograph, fingerprint, or
8 other paper or document in the files of the department of corrections,
9 including dependency record information, certified by the secretary of
10 corrections or the secretary's designee to be a true and complete copy
11 of the original or of information on file with the department of
12 corrections, shall be admissible in evidence in any court of the state
13 pursuant to RCW 5.44.040. The department of corrections may charge
14 reasonable fees for the reproduction, shipment, and certification of
15 such materials.

16 For the purposes of this section the following words have the
17 following meanings:

18 "Criminal offender record" includes, and shall be restricted to,
19 identifying data and public record information recorded as the result

1 of an arrest or other initiation of criminal proceedings and the
2 consequent proceedings related thereto. "Criminal offender record"
3 shall not include intelligence, analytical, or investigative reports
4 and files.

5 "Dependency record information" includes and shall be restricted to
6 identifying data regarding a person, over the age of eighteen, who was
7 a party to a dependency proceeding brought under chapter 13.34 RCW and
8 who has been found, pursuant to such dependency proceeding, to have
9 sexually abused or exploited or physically abused a child.

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