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

7 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) The department shall prepare and submit
8 a report to the legislature not later than December 1, 1998, on
9 alternatives for increasing offender access to postsecondary academic
10 education and vocational opportunities. In preparing the report, the
11 department shall consult with representatives from the community
12 colleges and other educational service providers currently contracting
13 with the department.

14 (2) The report shall present alternatives for increasing access
15 within existing resources as well as alternatives that may require
16 additional funding.

17 (3) At a minimum, the report shall include the following:

18 (a) A plan, to be implemented within existing resources, for pilot
19 projects utilizing fee-based programs for postsecondary academic and
20 vocational study. The pilot projects shall offer instruction in
21 academic subjects and employment skills not presently available at the
22 pilot institutions. Fees charged for the pilot programs shall be
23 consistent with the provisions of RCW 72.09.460;

24 (b) Recommendations on approaches to facilitate offender access to
25 postsecondary academic correspondence courses and video telecourses;
26 and

27 (c) Recommendations on the feasibility and desirability of
28 connecting department facilities to the K-20 technology network.

29 **Sec. 2.** RCW 72.09.480 and 1997 c 165 s 1 are each amended to read
30 as follows:

31 (1) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions
32 in this section apply to this section.

33 (a) "Cost of incarceration" means the cost of providing an inmate
34 with shelter, food, clothing, transportation, supervision, and other
35 services and supplies as may be necessary for the maintenance and

1 support of the inmate while in the custody of the department, based on
2 the average per inmate costs established by the department and the
3 office of financial management.

4 (b) "Minimum term of confinement" means the minimum amount of time
5 an inmate will be confined in the custody of the department,
6 considering the sentence imposed and adjusted for the total potential
7 earned early release time available to the inmate.

8 (2) When an inmate receives any funds in addition to his or her
9 wages or gratuities, the additional funds shall be subject to the
10 deductions in RCW 72.09.111(1)(a) and the priorities established in
11 chapter 72.11 RCW.

12 (3) The amount deducted from an inmate's funds under subsection (2)
13 of this section shall not exceed the department's total cost of
14 incarceration for the inmate incurred during the inmate's minimum or
15 actual term of confinement, whichever is longer.

16 (4) The deductions required under subsection (2) of this section
17 shall not apply to funds received by the department on behalf of an
18 offender for payment of one fee-based education or vocational program
19 that is associated with an inmate's work program or a placement
20 decision made by the department under RCW 72.09.460 to prepare an
21 inmate for work upon release."

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25 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "education;" strike the
26 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 72.09.480; and creating
27 a new section."

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