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1 AN ACT Relating to arming community corrections officers; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 72.02 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 72.02 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Community corrections officers may, at their discretion, carry  
7 firearms during the course of their official field duties. The  
8 department shall not be responsible for providing or paying for any  
9 firearms, materials, equipment, or training associated with  
10 implementation of this policy. A community corrections officer who  
11 chooses to be armed pursuant to this section shall, at his or her own  
12 expense, arrange for and complete any necessary training. In addition,  
13 a community corrections officer who chooses to be armed pursuant to  
14 this section shall, at his or her own expense, provide his or her own  
15 firearm as well as any associated materials and equipment needed by the  
16 community corrections officer in order to carry a firearm.

1           (2) Nothing in this section may be construed as making community  
2 corrections officers eligible for membership in the law enforcement  
3 officers' and fire fighters' retirement system under chapter 41.26 RCW.

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