

6207-S

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Brief Title: Terminating employees and contractors who engage in sexual misconduct with inmates or residents of correctional facilities or institutions.

SB 6207-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that when the secretary has reasonable cause to believe that sexual intercourse or sexual contact between an employee and an offender has occurred, the secretary shall immediately suspend the employee.

Directs the secretary to immediately institute proceedings to terminate the employment of any person: (1) Who is found by the department, based on a preponderance of the evidence, to have had sexual intercourse or sexual contact with the offender; or

(2) upon a guilty plea or conviction for any crime specified in chapter 9A.44 RCW when the victim was an offender.

Requires that, when the secretary has reasonable cause to believe that sexual intercourse or sexual contact between the employee of a contractor and an offender has occurred, the secretary shall require any employee of a contractor to be immediately removed from any employment position which would permit the employee to have any access to any offender.