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1 AN ACT Relating to a study of released prisoners; creating new
2 sections; and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that released
5 prisoners frequently remain in the county containing the correctional
6 facility from which they are released, resulting in counties that
7 contain correctional facilities having a disproportionate share of
8 released prisoners. The legislature intends to discover what impact
9 this disproportionate share of released prisoners has on the counties
10 in which they reside.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The Washington state institute for public
12 policy shall conduct a special study to determine:

13 (1) Which counties retain a disproportionate share of released
14 prisoners;

15 (2) What the recidivism rate is in these counties compared to other
16 counties; and

17 (3) What is the cost impact of criminal justice and treatment
18 services.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The Washington state institute for public
2 policy shall report its findings to the legislature no later than
3 January 1, 2000.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, or
5 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the general
6 fund to the Washington state institute for public policy for the fiscal
7 year ending June 30, 2000, to carry out the purposes of this act.

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