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By House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections (originally sponsored by Representatives Lovick, Ballasiotes, O'Brien, Kenney, Dunshee, Tokuda, Reardon, Edwards, Sullivan, Stensen, Kagi, Conway, Kastama and Scott)

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1 AN ACT Relating to a law enforcement study; adding a new section to
2 chapter 39.34 RCW; creating new 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 population growth
5 and overall economic prosperity has had a profound effect on law
6 enforcement in counties with significant urban centers and suburban
7 growth in Washington. Incorporations and annexations have caused
8 cities, both small and large, to consider their own municipal police
9 departments. Furthermore, the legislature recognizes that cities,
10 counties, and the Washington state patrol have limited resources to
11 support and maintain necessary public safety services.

12 In the absence of county-wide law enforcement needs and services
13 analysis, some law enforcement agencies have developed special unit
14 capabilities that may need coordination with other cities' law
15 enforcement agencies and the county sheriff. The legislature also
16 finds that as a result, there may be differences in public safety
17 service delivery in Washington where there is either duplication or an
18 absence of available specialty services increasing the possibility of
19 municipal liability and risk, and inefficient and/or unnecessary use of

1 public safety funds. Recognizing that coordinated law enforcement and
2 basic public safety service standards on a county-wide basis is in the
3 best interests of the citizens of Washington, the legislature therefore
4 intends with this act to authorize a study of law enforcement costs,
5 expenditures, services, cooperative arrangements, and service delivery
6 models for counties with over one hundred fifty thousand population.
7 The goal of the regional services study is to produce implementable
8 recommendations for cost-effective, collaborative law enforcement
9 service delivery partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 39.34 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs shall
13 contract for the purposes of conducting a study of the total costs and
14 expenditures for law enforcement for both counties and cities within
15 the county for counties with populations over one hundred fifty
16 thousand. The focus of the study:

17 (a) Would include recommendations for law enforcement
18 jurisdictions, Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs'
19 actions, and the legislature;

20 (b) Shall be to research, compile, and analyze data sufficient to
21 provide a comprehensive analysis of the costs and total expenditures
22 for law enforcement. These costs include but are not limited to
23 special services, defined as but not limited to: SWAT teams, bomb
24 disposal units, air support, marine units, hostage negotiation teams,
25 homicide investigation units, drug units, canine units, arson
26 investigation teams, computer fraud and forensics units, domestic
27 violence and special assault units, and gang and youth violence units.
28 The study should distinguish where there are duplications and gaps in
29 service delivery;

30 (c) Shall be to obtain data from all local governments on the types
31 of costs identified in (b) of this subsection. This data will be
32 compiled and analyzed by the agency or organization commissioned to
33 conduct the study for each county;

34 (d) Shall be to obtain data from those counties and law enforcement
35 agencies where master interlocal agreements, joint specialty service
36 units, and other cooperative arrangements have been developed between
37 law enforcement agencies to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and
38 ensured quality of specialty law enforcement services.

1 (2) The study shall commence no later than July 1, 2000, and be
2 completed by no later than January 1, 2001. The final report shall be
3 distributed to the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs
4 and to the appropriate standing committee no later than January 30,
5 2001.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of two hundred fifty thousand
7 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from
8 the general fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, to the
9 criminal justice training commission, for the sole purpose of carrying
10 out this act.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
12 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
13 June 30, 2000, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
14 void.

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