
HOUSE BILL 2715

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1 AN ACT Relating to preconviction and postconviction probation or
2 supervision services for persons charged with or convicted of
3 misdemeanors; adding new sections to chapter 9.95 RCW; and creating a
4 new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that preconviction and
7 postconviction probation or supervision of persons charged with or
8 convicted of misdemeanors is necessary to improve the safety of the
9 community in general. Also, the legislature finds that the decision
10 concerning whether a criminal offender is released into the community
11 pending trial or placed on postconviction supervision, as well as
12 revocation of community placement, rests with the judiciary.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 9.95 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 If a county, city, or other local government entity engages in the
16 provision of preconviction or postconviction probation or supervision
17 services for persons charged with or convicted of misdemeanors, the
18 county, city, or other local government entity, and their staff and

1 volunteers who assist in probation or supervision, are not liable for
2 civil damages resulting from any act or omission in providing probation
3 or supervision services unless the act or omission constitutes gross
4 negligence.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 9.95 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The Washington state law and justice advisory council, appointed
8 under RCW 72.09.300(7), shall by October 1, 2000, develop standards for
9 preconviction and postconviction probation and supervision services by
10 counties, cities, and other local government entities of persons
11 charged with or convicted of misdemeanors.

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