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Brief Description: Enhancing penalties for lying before a court.

**HB 1843 - DIGEST**

Provides that, whenever it appears probable to a judge, magistrate, or other officer lawfully authorized to conduct a hearing, proceeding, or investigation that a person who has testified before the judge, magistrate, or officer has lied in testimony so given or offered false evidence, the judge, magistrate, or officer may impose sanctions upon the person for contempt of court under this act.

Requires that, for each year, beginning in 1999 through 2003, the administrator for the courts shall: (1) Determine the number of charges of first degree perjury brought against persons within the state of Washington, the resolution of the charges, and any penalties imposed;

(2) determine the number of charges of contempt of court for lying under oath brought against persons within the state of Washington, the resolution of the charges, and any sanctions imposed; and

(3) submit a report of its findings to both houses of the legislature no later than December 31st of each year. The administrator for the courts shall include any available data for the year 1998 in its report for purposes of comparison.

Expires July 1, 2004.