

***Criminal Justice & Corrections
Committee***

HB 1838

Brief Description: *Providing for a study and recommendations on school mapping.*

Sponsors: *Representatives Lovick (co-prime sponsor), Lambert (co-prime sponsor), O'Brien, Ballasiotes, Hatfield, Cooper, Dickerson, Edwards and Darneille.*

Brief Summary of Bill

- *Requires the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) to determine the feasibility and cost of doing school mapping for all K-12 schools within the state.*

Hearing Date: *2/19/01*

Staff: *Yvonne Walker (786-7841).*

Background:

School mapping is a program that provides electronic pre-incident plans of a school. Each map created is a blue print of the physical structure of a school that shows the building's floor plan and describes where every room is located within the school along with its dimensions. Mapping involves taking pictures of a school from the ground level, aerial views, and on the inside of the building.

School maps are designed to give a person as much information about the physical layout structure of a school as possible, without actually being inside the school. School maps are generally stored in an electronic centralized database such as a CD-ROM for easy accessibility. Coordinated response information can be made available to all county fire and police agencies equipped with portable computers. A single CD-ROM can hold all the schools in a single county.

Summary of Bill:

The WASPC must determine the practicability of doing school mapping across the state. The study must be submitted to the Legislature by January 1, 2002, and must include the feasibility and cost to do the following:

- To complete a school map for all K-12 schools within the state;*
- To include all school maps on a computer disk;*
- To provide all patrol cars with a mounted computer so that officers may use the computer disk to view pictures of the layout of each school, including a blueprint, aerial photographs, and photographs of each school room located in each individual school; and*
- To provide for maintenance of the computer disks by the WASPC.*

School mapping includes the following:

- Mapping out the physical structures of all schools;*
- Taking aerial shots of each school;*
- Creating a centralized database for school building layouts; and*
- Providing for information sharing between the schools and emergency response teams.*

Appropriation: *None.*

Fiscal Note: *Requested on February 18, 2001.*

Effective Date: *Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.*