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1 AN ACT Relating to a statewide justice information network;
2 amending RCW 10.98.160; and adding new sections to chapter 10.98 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 10.98 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature finds that each of the state's justice agencies
7 and the courts have developed independent information systems to
8 address independent management and planning needs, that the state's
9 justice information system is fragmented, and that access to complete,
10 accurate, and timely justice information is difficult and inefficient.

11 (2) The legislature declares that the purpose of this act is to
12 develop and maintain, in a cost-effective manner, a statewide network
13 of criminal justice information that enables sharing and integrated
14 delivery of justice information maintained in the state's independent
15 information systems and that will:

16 (a) Maximize standardization of data and communications technology
17 among law enforcement agencies, jails, prosecuting attorneys, the
18 courts, corrections, and licensing;

19 (b) Reduce redundant data collection and input efforts;

- 1 (c) Reduce or eliminate paper-based information exchanges;
- 2 (d) Improve work flow within the criminal justice system;
- 3 (e) Provide complete, accurate, and timely information to criminal
- 4 justice agencies and courts in a single computer session; and
- 5 (f) Maintain security and privacy rights respecting criminal
- 6 justice information.

7 (3) Statewide coordination of criminal justice information will
8 improve:

9 (a) The safety of the public and the safety of law enforcement
10 officers and other public servants, by making more complete, accurate,
11 and timely information concerning offenders available to all criminal
12 justice agencies and courts;

13 (b) Decision making, by increasing the availability of statistical
14 measures for review, evaluation, and promulgation of public policy; and

15 (c) Access to complete, accurate, and timely information by the
16 public, to the extent permitted pursuant to chapters 10.97 and 42.17
17 RCW.

18 (4) The legislature encourages state and local criminal justice
19 agencies and courts to collaborate in the development of justice
20 information systems, as criminal justice agencies and courts collect
21 the most complete, accurate, and timely information regarding
22 offenders.

23 (5) The legislature finds that the implementation, operation, and
24 continuing enhancement of a statewide justice information network that
25 enables sharing and integrated delivery of information maintained in
26 the state's independent information systems is critical to the
27 complete, accurate, and timely performance of criminal background
28 checks and to the effective communications between and among law
29 enforcement, the courts, executive agencies, and political subdivisions
30 of the state. The legislature further finds and declares that it is in
31 the best interests of the citizens of the state and for the enhancement
32 of public safety that the Washington integrated justice information
33 board be created as soon as possible.

34 (6) The legislature finds that the intent, purpose, and goals of
35 this act will be implemented most effectively by a board having the
36 power, authority, and responsibility to develop, maintain, and enhance
37 a statewide justice information network that enables sharing and

1 integrated delivery of justice information maintained in the state's
2 independent information systems.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 10.98.160 and 1999 c 143 s 53 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 In the development and modification of the procedures, definitions,
6 and reporting capabilities of the section, the department, the office
7 of financial management, and the responsible agencies and persons shall
8 consider the needs of other criminal justice agencies such as the
9 administrator for the courts, local law enforcement agencies,
10 (~~jailers~~) local jails, the sentencing guidelines commission, the
11 indeterminate sentence review board, the clemency board, prosecuting
12 attorneys, and affected state agencies such as the office of financial
13 management and legislative committees dealing with criminal justice
14 issues. (~~An executive committee appointed by the heads of the~~
15 ~~department, the Washington state patrol, and the office of financial~~
16 ~~management~~) The Washington integrated justice information board shall
17 review and provide recommendations to state justice agencies and the
18 courts for development and modification of the (~~section, the~~
19 ~~department, and the office of financial management's felony criminal~~
20 ~~information systems~~) statewide justice information network.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 10.98 RCW
22 to read as follows:

23 (1) There is created the Washington integrated justice information
24 board. The board shall be composed of the following members:

- 25 (a) A representative appointed by the governor;
26 (b) The attorney general;
27 (c) The chief of the state patrol;
28 (d) The secretary of the department of corrections;
29 (e) The director of the department of licensing;
30 (f) The administrator for the courts;
31 (g) The director of the office of financial management;
32 (h) The director of the department of information services;
33 (i) The secretary of the juvenile rehabilitation administration;
34 (j) A sheriff appointed by the Washington association of sheriffs
35 and police chiefs;

1 (k) A police chief appointed by the Washington association of
2 sheriffs and police chiefs;

3 (l) A county legislative authority member appointed by the
4 Washington state association of counties;

5 (m) An elected county clerk appointed by the Washington association
6 of county clerks;

7 (n) A representative appointed by the Washington association of
8 city and county information systems;

9 (o) Two representatives appointed by the judicial information
10 system committee;

11 (p) A representative appointed by the association of Washington
12 cities;

13 (q) An elected prosecutor appointed by the Washington association
14 of prosecuting attorneys; and

15 (r) The speaker of the house of representatives and the president
16 of the senate may each appoint two members to the board, one from each
17 of the two largest caucuses in each house.

18 These members shall constitute the membership of the board with
19 full voting rights and shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing
20 authority. Each member may, in writing, appoint a designee to serve in
21 the member's absence. Any member of the board shall immediately cease
22 to be a member if he or she ceases to hold the particular office or
23 employment that was the basis of the appointment. Vacancies shall be
24 filled in the same manner that the original appointments were made to
25 the board.

26 (2) The board may appoint additional justice information
27 stakeholders as nonvoting members to the board.

28 (3) In making the appointments, the appointing authorities shall
29 endeavor to assure that there is committed board membership having
30 expertise relating to state and local criminal justice business
31 practices and to information sharing and integration technology.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 10.98 RCW
33 to read as follows:

34 The board shall elect a chair and vice-chair from among its voting
35 members. Nine voting members of the board shall constitute a quorum.
36 Meetings may be called by the chair or upon the written request of
37 three members of the board. Meeting participation may be by means of

1 conference call or any other communication equipment that allows all
2 persons participating in the meeting to speak and hear all
3 participants.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 10.98 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The board shall have the following powers and duties related to
7 integration of justice information:

8 (a) Meet at such times and places as may be designated by the chair
9 or by three voting members of the board;

10 (b) Adopt its own bylaws, and such other rules governing the board
11 and the conduct of its meetings as the board may deem reasonable or
12 convenient;

13 (c) Coordinate and facilitate the governance, implementation,
14 operation, maintenance, and enhancement of sharing and integrated
15 delivery of complete, accurate, and timely justice information;

16 (d) Increase the use of automated electronic data transfer among
17 state justice agencies, local justice agencies, and courts;

18 (e) Establish and implement uniform data standards and protocols
19 for data transfer and sharing, interface applications, and connectivity
20 standards;

21 (f) Provide state agency and court justice information to criminal
22 justice agencies and courts through connections and applications that
23 enable single session access from multiple platforms;

24 (g) Pursue, develop, and coordinate grants and other funding
25 opportunities for state and local justice information projects that
26 will expand or enhance the sharing and integrated delivery of statewide
27 justice information;

28 (h) Assess state and local agencies' projects and plans for sharing
29 and delivery of integrated justice information, as may be requested by
30 the agencies, the director of the office of financial management, the
31 supreme court, or the legislature;

32 (i) Assist the office of financial management with budgetary and
33 policy review of state agency plans affecting the justice information
34 network;

35 (j) Recommend to the governor, the supreme court, and the
36 legislature those legislative changes and appropriations needed to

1 implement, maintain, and enhance a statewide justice information
2 network and to assure the availability of complete, accurate, and
3 timely justice information;

4 (k) Encourage coordination, consistency, and compatibility among
5 courts, state agency, and local agency justice information systems and
6 projects; and

7 (l) Adopt strategic and tactical planning goals and objectives that
8 implement, maintain, and enhance sharing and integrated delivery of
9 justice information for the state.

10 (2)(a) Nothing in this section supersedes the authority of the
11 information services board under chapter 43.105 RCW.

12 (b) Nothing in this section supersedes the authority of courts,
13 state agencies, and local agencies to control and maintain access to
14 information within their independent systems.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 10.98 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 The board shall file a report with the governor, the supreme court,
18 and the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house
19 committees with jurisdiction over criminal justice funding and policy
20 by September 1, 2004, and not less than every two years thereafter.
21 The report shall include specific goals for improving criminal justice
22 information systems integration, a timeline and identifiable benchmarks
23 for achieving those goals, and recommendations concerning legislative
24 changes and appropriations needed to implement, operate, and enhance a
25 statewide justice information network to assure the availability of
26 complete, accurate, and timely justice information.

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