

6258-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Brandland, Kline, McCaslin, Winsley, Regala and Roach)

Brief Description: Authorizing the certification of corrections officers.

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Provides that, as a condition of continuing employment as corrections officers, all Washington state corrections officers shall: (1) Timely obtain certification as corrections officers, or timely obtain exemption therefrom, by meeting all requirements of RCW 43.101.220, as that section is administered under the rules of the commission, as well as by meeting any additional requirements under this act; and

(2) Maintain the basic certification as corrections officers under this act.

Provides that the commission shall certify corrections officers who have satisfied, or have been exempted by statute or by rule from, the basic training requirements of RCW 43.101.220 on or before January 1, 2005. Thereafter, the commission may revoke certification pursuant to this act.

Provides that, as a prerequisite to certification, as well as a prerequisite to pursuit of a hearing under this act, a corrections officer must, on a form devised or adopted by the commission, authorize the release to the commission of his or her personnel files, termination papers, criminal investigation files, or other files, papers, or information that are directly related to a certification matter or decertification matter before the commission.