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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6488**

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**By** Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Kline, Hargrove, Fairley, Weinstein and Kohl-Welles)

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1 AN ACT Relating to offender education; and adding new sections to  
2 chapter 72.09 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 72.09 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) As a component of basic academic skills education, the  
7 department shall create, by rule, a program to provide offenders who  
8 are United States citizens with the opportunity to participate in  
9 programs designed to educate offenders on American citizenship and  
10 civil rights. The program shall include, but not be limited to, the  
11 following topics:

12 (a) Responsible citizenship;

13 (b) Rights lost to felony offenders and restoration, including gun  
14 ownership and possession;

15 (c) Voting laws and felony voting rights restoration;

16 (d) Legal financial obligations;

17 (e) Sex offender registration and community notification; and

18 (f) Civic participation, including participation in local, state,

1 and federal government processes, school boards, neighborhood  
2 organizations, and nonprofit or volunteer organizations.

3 (2) Upon satisfactory completion of a program, the department shall  
4 issue a certificate of completion to an offender.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 72.09 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The department shall provide to offenders, before release into  
8 the community, information regarding community service providers that  
9 provide educational services to offenders.

10 (2) The department shall work in collaboration with community  
11 service providers that provide educational services to offenders to  
12 develop a standard curriculum for education of offenders released into  
13 the community.

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