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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) The department shall create, by rule, a program to provide  
7 offenders with the opportunity to participate in programs designed to  
8 educate offenders on American citizenship and civil rights. The  
9 program shall include, but not be limited to educational components on  
10 the following:

11 (a) Responsible citizenship;

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

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

15 (d) Legal financial obligations;

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

17 (f) Civic participation, including participation in local, state,  
18 and federal government processes, school boards, neighborhood  
19 organizations, and nonprofit or volunteer organizations.

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

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

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

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

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