

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5987**

60th Legislature  
2007 Regular Session

Passed by the Senate April 17, 2007  
YEAS 46 NAYS 0

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 3, 2007  
YEAS 95 NAYS 1

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5987** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Clements, Carrell, Marr, Holmquist, Schoesler and Rasmussen; by request of Attorney General)

READ FIRST TIME 02/28/07.

1            AN ACT Relating to gang-related offenses; and creating new  
2 sections.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the people of  
5 Washington state face a crisis brought upon by increased gang crime and  
6 violence, which is threatening public safety in communities across the  
7 state. Those who live in communities where gang membership is on the  
8 rise find themselves living with the daily threat of intimidation and  
9 harassment.    Ordinary citizens are increasingly vulnerable to  
10 gang-related crimes such as drug dealing, damage to real property,  
11 theft of personal property and automobiles, or even assault, rape, and  
12 murder. Even those not directly affected by gang-related crime, share  
13 in the indirect costs such as lower property values, higher insurance  
14 premiums, and the endangerment of our youth. Moreover, our first  
15 responders find themselves increasingly vulnerable to personal injury  
16 or death when responding to gang-related crimes such as drug dealing,  
17 assault, driving without a license, or attempting to elude a police  
18 vehicle.

1       It is the intent of the legislature to establish a work group to  
2 evaluate and make legislative recommendations regarding the problem of  
3 gang-related crime in Washington state.

4       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.** The Washington association of sheriffs and  
5 police chiefs is directed to convene a work group to evaluate the  
6 problem of gang-related crime in Washington state. Members shall  
7 include one member from each of the two largest caucuses in the house  
8 of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
9 representatives, one member from each of the two largest caucuses in  
10 the senate, appointed by the president of the senate, and  
11 representatives of the following, appointed jointly by the president of  
12 the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives: The office  
13 of the attorney general, local law enforcement, prosecutors and  
14 municipal attorneys, criminal defense attorneys, court administrators,  
15 prison or detention administrators and probation officers, and experts  
16 in gang or delinquency prevention including the governor's juvenile  
17 justice advisory committee. The work group shall evaluate and make  
18 recommendations regarding additional legislative measures to combat  
19 gang-related crime, the creation of a statewide gang information  
20 database, possible reforms to the juvenile justice system for  
21 gang-related juvenile offenses, best practices for prevention and  
22 intervention of youth gang membership, and the adoption of legislation  
23 authorizing a civil antigang injunction. The Washington association of  
24 sheriffs and police chiefs shall report back to the legislature on its  
25 findings and the recommendations of the work group or groups on or  
26 before January 1, 2008.

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