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**Early Learning & Human Services  
Committee**

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**HB 2432**

**Brief Description:** Promoting local intervention and prevention programs for reducing gang violence.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Moscoso, Ladenburg, Haigh, Jinkins, Appleton, Hope, Orwall, Kirby, Armstrong, Lytton, Goodman, Pollet, Moeller, Reykdal, Hasegawa, Kenney, Maxwell, Tharinger, Sells, Fitzgibbon, Lias, Probst, Blake, Ryu, Hansen, McCoy, Upthegrove, Dunshee, Roberts, Stanford, Kagi, Miloscia and Darneille.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Authorizes the Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice (Council) to award grants to support local projects focused on criminal street gang prevention and intervention and designates a grant application review committee.
- Provides minimum requirements for grant applicants.
- Creates the Criminal Street Gang Prevention and Intervention Grant Program Account in the State Treasury, authorizing the funds to be spent on the grant program created by the act.
- Requires entities receiving awards from the Council to report to the Council on the use of those funds, and requires the Council to report to the Legislature regarding the grant program.
- Authorizes an appropriation of \$5 million from the State General Fund for the 2013 fiscal year.

**Hearing Date:** 1/23/12

**Staff:** Linda Merelle (786-7092).

**Background:**

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The Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice (Council) is the state's advisory group regarding juvenile justice matters. As the state's advisory group, it awards funds from the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The Council was established in September 2010 and replaced the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee. The members to the Council were appointed in November 2010.

The Council establishes priorities for granting federal juvenile delinquency and delinquency prevention funds and has recently issued requests for proposals for grants to assist communities in addressing disproportionate minority contact with the juvenile justice system and for delinquency prevention.

### **Summary of Bill:**

#### *Award of Grants*

The Council is authorized to award grants to support local projects focused on criminal street gang prevention and intervention. A grant application review committee shall be comprised of the following members, each of whom will have a vote when determining awards:

- the Chair of the Council or designee;
- the Secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) or designee;
- the Executive Director of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs or the Executive Director's designee;
- the Attorney General or designee;
- one representative from the counties;
- one representative from the cities; and
- one representative from nongovernmental organizations, appointed by the Chair of the Council.

#### *Eligible Entities for Grants*

Coalitions composed of at least one local governmental entity and one nonprofit nongovernmental organizations may apply for funding. The nongovernmental organization must have a documented history of creating and administering effective criminal street gang prevention and intervention programs. The applying entity must submit its application to the Council in the form and manner prescribed by the Council. The applications must demonstrate the following:

- that a significant criminal street gang problem exists in its jurisdiction or jurisdictions;
- that addressing the impact of criminal street gangs is a high priority in the jurisdiction or jurisdictions seeking the grant;
- that the funds will be used to offer services to prevent the expansion of criminal street gang membership or support criminal street gang membership intervention through the use of evidence-based or research-based programs and the use of one or more innovative culturally relevant practices;
- that the applicant will provide at least 25 percent of the requested grant amount through local matching funds, either as cash or in-kind; and
- that the applicant's cost of administering the grant will not exceed 4 percent of the grant award.

A "criminal street gang" under this act has the same meaning as the term used under the Sentencing Reform Act. It is defined as "any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, having a common name or common identifying sign or symbol, having as one of its primary activities the commission of criminal acts, and whose members or associates individually or collectively engage in or have engaged in a pattern of criminal street gang activity."

Any money awarded under the grants authorized under this act must be used to supplement, not supplant, other moneys that are available for prevention and intervention programs.

### *Reports*

Within one month of the one-year anniversary of the awarding of a grant under this act, each entity must submit a report describing the activities carried out with the grant funds. The report must include:

- a description of the number and types of youth served;
- the services provided; and
- the impact of those services upon the youth and the community.

By December 31, 2012, the Council must report to the appropriate legislative policy and fiscal committees regarding the status of the grant program authorized under this act.

### *Account*

A Criminal Street Gang Prevention and Intervention Grant Program Account (Account) is created in the State Treasury. Receipts from gifts, grants, and other funds from public or private sources to support the grant program authorized in this act must be deposited in the Account as well as receipts from civil penalties or recoveries from suits brought by the Attorney General for unfair competition or deceptive acts in trade or commerce. Any deposits as a result of legal actions brought by the Attorney General must not exceed \$1 million per fiscal year. Money in the Account may be spent only after appropriation and only after authorization from the Secretary of the DSHS. Expenditures from the Account may be made only for establishing, administering, funding, and maintaining the grant program authorized by this act.

**Appropriation:** \$5 million from General Fund-State for fiscal year 2013.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.