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By Representatives Morris and Kelley

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1 AN ACT Relating to bribery of public officials; amending RCW
2 9A.68.010; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9A.68.010 and 2011 c 336 s 386 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) A person is guilty of bribery if:

7 (a) With the intent to secure a particular result in a particular
8 matter involving the exercise of the public servant's vote, opinion,
9 judgment, exercise of discretion, or other action in his or her
10 official capacity, he or she offers, confers, or agrees to confer any
11 pecuniary benefit, including a campaign contribution, upon such public
12 servant; or

13 (b) Being a public servant, he or she requests, accepts, or agrees
14 to accept any pecuniary benefit, including a campaign contribution,
15 pursuant to an agreement or understanding that his or her vote,
16 opinion, judgment, exercise of discretion, or other action as a public
17 servant will be used to secure or attempt to secure a particular result
18 in a particular matter.

1 (2) It is no defense to a prosecution under this section that the
2 public servant sought to be influenced was not qualified to act in the
3 desired way, whether because he or she had not yet assumed office,
4 lacked jurisdiction, or for any other reason.

5 (3) Bribery is a class B felony.

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