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By Representatives Klippert, Goodman, and Moscoso; by request of Department of Corrections

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1 AN ACT Relating to exemption of information contained in the  
2 department of corrections' security threat group database; and adding  
3 a new section to chapter 72.09 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 72.09 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The special investigations services unit of the department may  
8 collect, evaluate, collate, and analyze data and specific investigative  
9 information concerning the existence, structure, activities, and  
10 operations of security threat groups, drugs, and violence within  
11 department facilities and the participants involved therein under the  
12 jurisdiction of the department.

13 (2) Security threat group data must be located in a centralized  
14 database of the department and must be used to maintain the safety and  
15 security of offenders, staff, facilities, and the public. The data  
16 compiled may aid in addressing violence reduction, illegal activities,  
17 and identification of offender separation or protection needs, and may  
18 be used to assist law enforcement agencies and prosecutors in  
19 developing evidence for purposes of criminal prosecution upon request.

1           (3) The security threat group database and all contents in the  
2 database are confidential and exempt from public disclosure under  
3 chapter 42.56 RCW.

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