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By Senator Darneille

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Mental Health & Housing.

1 AN ACT Relating to reestablishing the juvenile justice
2 partnership council under the administrative office of the courts;
3 and adding new sections to chapter 2.56 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The definitions in this section apply
6 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires
7 otherwise.

8 (1) "The act" means the juvenile justice and delinquency
9 prevention act (P.L. 93-415, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 5601 et seq.), as
10 amended.

11 (2) "Partnership council" means the Washington state partnership
12 council on juvenile justice created by section 2 of this act.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The Washington state partnership
14 council on juvenile justice is hereby created, with membership to
15 conform to the requirements of the act. The partnership council is
16 the state advisory group for the state of Washington under the act,
17 and must comply with all federal requirements pursuant to 42 U.S.C.
18 Secs. 5601-5681 and 42 U.S.C. Secs. 5781-5784.

1 (2) The partnership council shall serve in an advisory capacity
2 to the governor as required by federal regulations, and shall provide
3 information and recommendations to the governor on a regular basis.

4 (3) The partnership council is designated as the primary advisory
5 state-planning group for matters pertaining to juvenile justice in
6 Washington.

7 (4) The partnership council is the advisory board for all
8 planning, administrative, and funding functions of the act and shall
9 make subgrants for planning and improving juvenile justice consistent
10 with the intent of the act.

11 (5) Additionally, the partnership council shall:

12 (a) Play a strong, proactive role, providing collaborative
13 leadership and direction, and recommend innovative juvenile justice
14 reforms and best practices for implementation;

15 (b) Establish priorities for the granting of federal juvenile
16 delinquency and delinquency prevention funds;

17 (c) Submit annual recommendations for the improvement of the
18 juvenile justice system to the administrator for the courts for
19 review and comment, to the governor, and to the appropriate
20 committees of the legislature;

21 (d) Promote efficient education, training, research, prevention,
22 diversion, treatment, family reengagement, and rehabilitation
23 programs in the areas of juvenile delinquency and improvement of the
24 juvenile justice system;

25 (e) Promote partnerships with community employers to create new
26 opportunities for skill development, job readiness and training, and
27 engagement in the workforce for at-risk and system-involved youth;

28 (f) Promote partnerships with the educational system to increase
29 effective responses to youth who have learning disabilities, or
30 emotional, behavioral, and substance abuse issues both before and
31 during involvement in the juvenile justice system;

32 (g) Promote strong transition and reentry programs for system-
33 involved youth;

34 (h) Promote strategies to reduce the percentage of youth of color
35 involved at each level of the juvenile justice system; and

36 (i) Develop and approve the state's three-year juvenile justice
37 comprehensive plan and implement the plan.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The administrative office of the
2 courts shall convene the partnership council and provide staff
3 support, subject to the availability of federal funds.

4 (2) Additionally, the administrative office of the courts shall:

5 (a) Provide staffing, administrative support, and assume other
6 responsibilities as requested to enable the partnership council to
7 perform its functions;

8 (b) Provide background information and analysis of juvenile
9 justice delinquency issues as needed;

10 (c) Monitor and evaluate the state's compliance with the act;

11 (d) Review the progress and the accomplishments of the juvenile
12 justice and delinquency prevention projects funded under the state's
13 three-year comprehensive plan; and

14 (e) Administer grants and other financial and technical
15 assistance pursuant to federal regulations.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The partnership council shall operate
17 under its bylaws. Legislative members of the council are reimbursed
18 for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
19 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they
20 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,
21 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for
22 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The partnership council shall be
24 comprised of leaders who have extensive experience and knowledge in
25 juvenile justice and who are able to affect or influence system
26 reform and improve educational, vocational, and employment
27 opportunities for youth across the continuum and address racial and
28 ethnic disparities in the justice system. In making appointments, the
29 governor shall ensure geographic, ethnic, and gender diversity with
30 special consideration to representation of minority populations that
31 are overrepresented in the juvenile justice system. A majority of the
32 members of the partnership council must not be full-time employees of
33 the federal, state, or local governments.

34 (2) The partnership council membership consists of the following
35 twenty-five members, appointed by the governor:

36 (a) One general public member to serve as chair of the council,
37 and who must not be a full-time employee of the federal, state, or
38 local governments;

- 1 (b) One locally elected official representing general purpose
2 local government;
- 3 (c) One representative of law enforcement;
- 4 (d) One representative of juvenile court administration;
- 5 (e) One representative of juvenile and family court judges;
- 6 (f) One representative of prosecuting attorneys;
- 7 (g) One representative of defense attorneys;
- 8 (h) One representative of the juvenile rehabilitation
9 administration within the department of social and health services;
- 10 (i) One representative of public agencies engaged in children's
11 mental health and concerned with delinquency prevention or treatment;
- 12 (j) One representative of private nonprofit organizations with a
13 special focus on preserving and strengthening families, parent groups
14 and parent self-help groups, youth development, delinquency
15 prevention and treatment, neglected or dependent children, the
16 quality of juvenile justice, education, and social services for
17 children;
- 18 (k) One representative of volunteers who work with delinquents or
19 potential delinquents;
- 20 (l) One representative of youth workers involved with programs
21 that are alternatives to incarceration;
- 22 (m) One person with special experience and competence in
23 addressing problems related to school violence and alternatives to
24 suspension and expulsion;
- 25 (n) One person with special experience and competence in
26 addressing problems related to learning disabilities, child abuse and
27 neglect, and youth violence;
- 28 (o) One representative of Washington state tribes;
- 29 (p) One representative from the office of the governor;
- 30 (q) One representative from the state house of representatives;
- 31 (r) One representative from the state senate;
- 32 (s) One representative of private or public employers who help
33 youth through job development, job skills and training, and
34 opportunities to help them overcome barriers to obtaining and
35 retaining employment;
- 36 (t) One person with special experience and competence in helping
37 youth achieve a successful transition and reentry back to their
38 communities; and

1 (u) Five members who are under the age of twenty-four at the time
2 of appointment, three of whom must have been or are currently under
3 the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system.

4 (3) The governor shall designate one-third of the initial
5 appointees to serve a one-year term, one-third of the initial
6 appointees to serve a two-year term, and one-third of the initial
7 appointees to serve a three-year term. Thereafter, all appointees,
8 except appointments to serve out the remainder of an existing term,
9 serve three-year terms and are eligible for reappointment at the
10 discretion of the governor. Members may serve up to three full
11 consecutive terms. If a member resigns before completing a term, the
12 governor shall appoint a new member to serve out the remainder of
13 that term.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act are each
15 added to chapter 2.56 RCW.

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