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**SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5215**

64th Legislature  
2015 Regular Session

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Yeas 48 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5215** as passed by 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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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Pedersen, Kohl-Welles, Baumgartner, Padden, Darneille, Keiser, Benton, and O'Ban)

READ FIRST TIME 02/27/15.

1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the Washington internet crimes  
2 against children account; and adding new sections to chapter 43.101  
3 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 43.101  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The legislature finds that the internet crimes against  
8 children task force program, through the United States department of  
9 justice, helps state and local law enforcement agencies develop an  
10 effective response to technology-facilitated child sexual  
11 exploitation and internet crimes against children. This help  
12 encompasses forensic and investigative components, training and  
13 technical assistance, victim services, and community education. The  
14 program is a national network of sixty-one coordinated task forces  
15 representing over three thousand five hundred federal, state, and  
16 local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies. In 2013, the  
17 program's investigations contributed to the arrests of more than  
18 seven thousand four hundred individuals and task forces conducted  
19 over sixty thousand forensic examinations. Additionally, the program  
20 trained over thirty thousand law enforcement personnel, over three

1 thousand five hundred prosecutors, and more than five thousand three  
2 hundred other professionals working in the program's field.

3 (2) The legislature finds that there is a lack of dedicated state  
4 resources to combat internet-facilitated crimes against children. As  
5 a result, many of the cases involving internet-facilitated crimes are  
6 not adequately investigated. The legislature further finds that a  
7 minimum of fifteen full-time affiliate investigators and three  
8 forensic examiners are currently needed to just investigate the very  
9 worst of these cases in Washington. It is the intent of the  
10 legislature to create an account dedicated to combating internet-  
11 facilitated crimes against children, promoting education on internet  
12 safety to the public and to minors, and rescuing child victims from  
13 abuse and exploitation.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101  
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 The Washington internet crimes against children account is  
17 created in the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from  
18 legislative appropriations, donations, gifts, grants, and funds from  
19 federal or private sources must be deposited into the account.  
20 Expenditures from the account must be used exclusively by the  
21 Washington internet crimes against children task force and its  
22 affiliate agencies for combating internet-facilitated crimes against  
23 children, promoting education on internet safety to the public and to  
24 minors, and rescuing child victims from abuse and exploitation. Only  
25 the criminal justice training commission or the commission's designee  
26 may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject  
27 to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation  
28 is not required for expenditures. The commission may enter into  
29 agreements with the Washington association of sheriffs and police  
30 chiefs to administer grants and other activities funded by the  
31 account and be paid an administrative fee not to exceed three percent  
32 of expenditures.

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