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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring full body scanners at each
2 department of corrections institution; adding a new section to
3 chapter 72.09 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the department
6 of corrections is responsible for enhancing public safety through the
7 operation of safe and secure facilities, ensuring the health and
8 safety of incarcerated individuals, and maintaining environments that
9 reinforce safe and humane correctional practices. Safer operations
10 are generated through continuous performance of sound correctional
11 policies, practices, and procedures. Contraband as defined in RCW
12 72.09.015 is a risk to correctional officer and inmate safety. In
13 order to preserve, protect, and maintain public and correctional
14 facility safety, the department of corrections shall attempt to
15 eliminate the introduction of contraband into department of
16 corrections facilities through the installation of state-of-the-art
17 full body scanning devices.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 72.09
19 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
2 specific purpose, the department must purchase and install state-of-
3 the-art full body scanners at each correctional facility by July 1,
4 2024. This requirement may be waived at the department's discretion
5 in facilities where the department determines a body scanner would
6 not be a cost-effective way to reduce contraband or would not improve
7 correctional officer and inmate safety at the facility.

8 (2) The department shall provide appropriate custody and nursing
9 staff levels for each body scanner installed at a correctional
10 facility. Staffing must be adequate to provide for subsequent
11 searches and monitoring if a body scan indicates the presence of
12 contraband.

13 (3) Each scanner must be capable of detecting the presence of
14 narcotics and other contraband contained under clothing and within
15 body cavities. Each body scanner must use, at a minimum, millimeter
16 wave technology, but may also use transmission x-ray technology.

17 (4) The department must seek to minimize inmate exposure to
18 harmful radiation and use recognized best practices when conducting
19 full body scans.

20 (5) The department shall issue a biennial report on the
21 effectiveness of the body scanners in detecting contraband, including
22 weapons, controlled substances, and unauthorized communication
23 devices. The report must include data on officer and inmate assaults
24 that occurred before and after implementation of each body scanner.
25 By November 1st of each even-numbered year, and in compliance with
26 RCW 43.01.036, the department shall submit the report to the governor
27 and relevant legislative committees.

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