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**SENATE BILL 6129**

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**By** Senators McCune and Dozier

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1 AN ACT Relating to conducting regular trafficking assessments for  
2 children in the care, custody, or service of the department of  
3 children, youth, and families; and adding a new section to chapter  
4 43.216 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.216  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1)(a) At least once per biennium, the department must screen all  
9 children and youth between the ages of 10 and 25 in its care or  
10 custody, including children and youth supervised by or receiving  
11 services from the department, to determine whether the child or youth  
12 has been commercially sexually exploited.

13 (b) The department shall also conduct the screening when the  
14 child or youth:

15 (i) Enters the care or custody of the department as a juvenile  
16 under chapter 13.40 RCW;

17 (ii) Is transferred between department juvenile rehabilitation  
18 facilities for total confinement purposes, or transferred between a  
19 department juvenile rehabilitation facility and a community facility  
20 as provided for in chapter 13.40 RCW; or

1 (iii) Is transferred from a department juvenile rehabilitation  
2 facility to the care and custody of the department of corrections  
3 under RCW 72.01.410 or 13.40.280.

4 (2) To determine whether a child or youth has been commercially  
5 sexually exploited under this section, the department shall utilize  
6 the commercial sexual exploitation identification tool in conducting  
7 the trafficking assessment.

8 (3) By November 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the department  
9 shall submit a report to the governor and legislature, in compliance  
10 with RCW 43.01.036, with data on the number of children or youth  
11 identified by the tool as commercially sexually exploited and the  
12 number of referrals for specialized services.

13 (4) For the purposes of this section:

14 (a) "Child or youth" includes:

15 (i) Juveniles as defined in RCW 72.05.020;

16 (ii) Juveniles transferring to the department of corrections upon  
17 their 25th birthday under RCW 72.01.410;

18 (iii) Individuals placed in the custody of the department under  
19 chapters 13.34, 13.32A, 74.13, and 26.44 RCW; and

20 (iv) Nonminor dependents in extended foster care authorized under  
21 RCW 74.13.031.

22 (b) "Community facility" has the meaning provided in RCW  
23 72.05.020.

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