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1 AN ACT Relating to conducting an audit of the juvenile
2 rehabilitation system; creating a new section; and providing an
3 expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The joint legislative audit and review
6 committee shall:

7 (a) Review the department of children, youth, and families
8 juvenile rehabilitation's existing processes and staffing methodology
9 used for determining adequate staffing ratios to meet the confinement
10 and rehabilitative needs of the juveniles and ensure public safety;

11 (b) Review existing security and safety measures adopted by the
12 department and their effectiveness in meeting the unique needs of the
13 juvenile population in the custody of the department;

14 (c) Review best practices from other states regarding security
15 measures and staffing ratios, and identify options that may be
16 feasible to adopt in Washington state to increase the security of the
17 department's institutions and facilities and public safety; and

18 (d) Review the department's existing processes for responding to
19 critical incidents, including communication and cooperation with
20 local law enforcement, and identify areas for improvement.

1 (2) The joint legislative audit and review committee shall report
2 its findings and recommendations to the governor and the appropriate
3 committees of the legislature by June 30, 2026.

4 (3) This section expires December 31, 2026.

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