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By House Postsecondary Education & Workforce (originally sponsored by Representatives Mendoza, Springer, Corry, Dufault, Jacobsen, Manjarrez, Orcutt, Dent, Walen, Connors, Schmidt, Barnard, McClintock, Eslick, Klicker, Ley, Barkis, Engell, and Davis)

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1 AN ACT Relating to law enforcement officers participating in
2 college and technical school programs; amending RCW 42.52.120; adding
3 a new section to chapter 28B.50 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 Washington
6 state board of community and technical colleges in the September 2024
7 law enforcement and corrections workforce needs assessment reported
8 that several criminal justice instructors had difficulty establishing
9 relationships with local law enforcement on behalf of students
10 seeking connections. A central recommendation emerging from the
11 research study is to rebuild relationships between the institutions
12 that educate future public servants and the local agencies that
13 employ them. This bill intends to provide an incentive for law
14 enforcement officers to participate when college instructors ask for
15 law enforcement to share real life expertise in their courses.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50
17 RCW to read as follows:

18 (1) The legislature finds that involvement by certified law
19 enforcement officers in college and technical school programs can
20 help improve the image of law enforcement within communities

1 throughout the state, create positive interactions with potential
2 recruits, and inspire individuals to consider a career in law
3 enforcement. A law enforcement officer's duties do not include any
4 obligation to interact with college and technical school programs in
5 such a manner.

6 (2) An institution of higher education, as defined in RCW
7 28B.10.016, may engage a general or limited authority Washington
8 peace officer as defined in RCW 10.93.020 to receive gifts of
9 appreciation associated with the institution of higher education for
10 delivering presentations as part of a criminal justice associate, law
11 enforcement, police science, financial forensics and fraud, or
12 forensic science and technology course. Such gifts are only
13 appropriate when the presentation occurs outside of the law
14 enforcement officer's official duties. Gifts of appreciation may not
15 exceed \$25 in value per individual.

16 **Sec. 3.** RCW 42.52.120 and 1997 c 318 s 1 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 (1) No state officer or state employee may receive any thing of
19 economic value under any contract or grant outside of his or her
20 official duties. The prohibition in this subsection does not apply
21 where the state officer or state employee has complied with RCW
22 42.52.030(~~(+2)~~) or each of the following conditions are met:

23 (a) The contract or grant is bona fide and actually performed;

24 (b) The performance or administration of the contract or grant is
25 not within the course of the officer's or employee's official duties,
26 or is not under the officer's or employee's official supervision;

27 (c) The performance of the contract or grant is not prohibited by
28 RCW 42.52.040 or by applicable laws or rules governing outside
29 employment for the officer or employee;

30 (d) The contract or grant is neither performed for nor
31 compensated by any person from whom such officer or employee would be
32 prohibited by RCW 42.52.150(4) from receiving a gift;

33 (e) The contract or grant is not one expressly created or
34 authorized by the officer or employee in his or her official
35 capacity;

36 (f) The contract or grant would not require unauthorized
37 disclosure of confidential information.

38 (2) In addition to satisfying the requirements of subsection (1)
39 of this section, a state officer or state employee may have a

1 beneficial interest in a grant or contract or a series of
2 substantially identical contracts or grants with a state agency only
3 if:

4 (a) The contract or grant is awarded or issued as a result of an
5 open and competitive bidding process in which more than one bid or
6 grant application was received; or

7 (b) The contract or grant is awarded or issued as a result of an
8 open and competitive bidding or selection process in which the
9 officer's or employee's bid or proposal was the only bid or proposal
10 received and the officer or employee has been advised by the
11 appropriate ethics board, before execution of the contract or grant,
12 that the contract or grant would not be in conflict with the proper
13 discharge of the officer's or employee's official duties; or

14 (c) The process for awarding the contract or issuing the grant is
15 not open and competitive, but the officer or employee has been
16 advised by the appropriate ethics board that the contract or grant
17 would not be in conflict with the proper discharge of the officer's
18 or employee's official duties.

19 (3) A state officer or state employee awarded a contract or
20 issued a grant in compliance with subsection (2) of this section
21 shall file the contract or grant with the appropriate ethics board
22 within thirty days after the date of execution; however, if
23 proprietary formulae, designs, drawings, or research are included in
24 the contract or grant, the proprietary formulae, designs, drawings,
25 or research may be deleted from the contract or grant filed with the
26 appropriate ethics board.

27 (4) This section does not prevent a state officer or state
28 employee from receiving compensation contributed from the treasury of
29 the United States, another state, county, or municipality if the
30 compensation is received pursuant to arrangements entered into
31 between such state, county, municipality, or the United States and
32 the officer's or employee's agency. This section does not prohibit a
33 state officer or state employee from serving or performing any duties
34 under an employment contract with a governmental entity.

35 (5) As used in this section, "officer" and "employee" do not
36 include officers and employees who, in accordance with the terms of
37 their employment or appointment, are serving without compensation
38 from the state of Washington or are receiving from the state only
39 reimbursement of expenses incurred or a predetermined allowance for
40 such expenses.

1 (6) This section does not prevent a general or limited authority
2 Washington peace officer as defined in RCW 10.93.020 from receiving
3 gifts of appreciation associated with the institution of higher
4 education when delivering presentations as part of a criminal justice
5 associate, law enforcement, police science, financial forensics and
6 fraud, or forensic science and technology course in accordance with
7 section 2 of this act.

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