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**SENATE BILL 5760**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senator Christian

1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a colocated community facility  
2 and work release center in the general administration building on the  
3 state capitol campus; adding a new chapter to Title 72 RCW; and  
4 declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that too often both  
7 juvenile inmates and adult inmates do not have readily available  
8 access to their legislators and their government. Furthermore, the  
9 legislature finds that the state of Washington owns surplus property  
10 conveniently located directly on the state capitol campus. Inmates  
11 would benefit from being placed directly on the state capitol campus  
12 and it would enhance the ability of legislators to meet directly with  
13 inmates.

14 The legislature further finds that the general administration  
15 building is a historically significant building that is worth  
16 preserving. The building was designed by the prominent Tacoma  
17 architect, A. Gordon Lumm and is an important example of modern  
18 architecture on the capitol campus. The sparsely decorated exterior  
19 and minimalist appearance is representative of the international  
20 style and would make a suitable building to house inmates.

1           Therefore, the legislature finds that a new community facility  
2 and work release center should be colocated using the general  
3 administration building.

4           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.**   This act may be cited as the inmates in  
5 Olympia act.

6           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 3.**   There is established in Olympia, Thurston  
7 county, a dual community institution known as the Washington capitol  
8 reentry center.

9           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 4.**   The purpose of the Washington capitol  
10 reentry center is to provide qualifying adult and juvenile inmates  
11 with the opportunity to be conveniently located in close proximity to  
12 publicly elected officials to ensure their full participation in the  
13 legislative process.

14          NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 5.**   (1) The secretary of the department of  
15 children, youth, and families and the secretary of the department of  
16 corrections shall jointly develop and implement the colocation of a  
17 community facility, as defined in RCW 72.05.020, and work release  
18 facility under chapter 72.65 RCW at the Washington capitol reentry  
19 center.

20          (2) Except as provided in section 6 of this act, the Washington  
21 capitol reentry center shall comply with any other relevant laws.

22          NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 6.**   (1) The secretary of the department of  
23 children, youth, and families and the secretary of the department of  
24 corrections shall jointly provide notice of plans to colocate a  
25 community facility and work release facility pursuant to this  
26 section.

27          (2) The secretaries shall provide notice:

28          (a) To all newspapers of general circulation in the local area  
29 and all local radio stations, television stations, and cable  
30 networks;

31          (b) To appropriate school districts, private schools,  
32 kindergartens, city and county libraries, and all other local  
33 government offices within a one-half mile radius of the Washington  
34 capitol reentry center;

1 (c) To the local chamber of commerce, local economic development  
2 agencies, and any other local organizations that request such  
3 notification;

4 (d) In writing to all residents and/or property owners within a  
5 one-half mile radius of the Washington capitol reentry center;

6 (e) In writing to any government subunit, individual working for  
7 a government, and any elected official located within a one-half mile  
8 from the Washington capitol reentry center;

9 (f) During a special joint notice session to be broadcast live  
10 from the steps of the Washington capitol reentry center on TVW; and

11 (g) During a public meeting in the local community affected by  
12 the siting.

13 (3) The requirements of RCW 72.05.400 and 72.65.220 do not apply  
14 to a colocated community facility and work release facility  
15 established under this act.

16 (4) Members of the public may provide public comment on the  
17 siting of the center by writing to their state elected  
18 representatives.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 6 of this act  
20 constitute a new chapter in Title 72 RCW.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
22 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
23 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
24 effect immediately.

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