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1 AN ACT Relating to misdemeanor probation services; and amending  
2 RCW 10.64.120.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 10.64.120 and 1991 c 247 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) Every judge of a court of limited jurisdiction shall have the  
7 authority to levy upon a person a monthly assessment not to exceed  
8 ((fifty)) one hundred dollars for services provided whenever ((a)) the  
9 person is referred by the court to the misdemeanant probation  
10 department for evaluation or supervision services. The assessment may  
11 also be made by a ((sentencing)) judge in superior court when such  
12 misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor cases are heard in the superior court.

13 (2) For the purposes of this section, a probation department means  
14 one or more probation officers possessing a bachelor's degree in  
15 criminal justice, social service, or related field that provides the  
16 training necessary to (a) conduct presentencing and postsentencing  
17 background investigations, including sentencing recommendations to the  
18 court regarding jail terms, alternatives to incarceration, and

1 conditions of release; and (b) provide ongoing supervision and  
2 assessment of offenders' needs and the risk they pose to the community.

3 (3) The court may waive the bachelor's degree requirement for  
4 probation officers who are performing these duties for a municipal or  
5 district court probation department before July 1, 1996.

6 (4) It shall be the responsibility of the probation services office  
7 to implement local procedures approved by the court of limited  
8 jurisdiction to ensure collection and payment of such fees into the  
9 general fund of the city or county treasury.

10 ~~((3))~~ (5) Revenues raised under this section shall be used to  
11 fund programs for probation services and shall be in addition to those  
12 funds provided in RCW 3.62.050.

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