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By Representatives Costa and Sheahan; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

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1 AN ACT Relating to background checks of employees at the special
2 commitment center; and adding a new section to chapter 71.09 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 71.09 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The safety and security needs of the secure facility operated by
7 the department of social and health services pursuant to RCW
8 71.09.060(1) make it vital that employees working in the facility meet
9 necessary character, suitability, and competency qualifications. In
10 consultation with law enforcement personnel, the secretary shall
11 investigate the conviction record or pending charges of each employee.
12 All prospective employees shall be fingerprinted, and the fingerprints
13 and other identifying information shall be forwarded to the Washington
14 state patrol and federal bureau of investigation for a criminal history
15 records check. The criminal history records checks shall be at the
16 expense of the department. The secretary shall use the information

- 1 solely for the purpose of determining the character, suitability, and
- 2 competence of the person for employment in the secure facility.

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