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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6700**

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**State of Washington 57th Legislature**

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**By** Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Finkbeiner, Roach, Oke and McAuliffe)

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1 AN ACT Relating to limiting publication of personal information of  
2 law enforcement-related and court-related employees; and adding new  
3 sections to chapter 4.24 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Any person or organization who, with the  
6 intent to harm or intimidate, sells, trades, gives, publishes,  
7 distributes, or otherwise releases the residential address, residential  
8 telephone number, birthdate, or social security number of any law  
9 enforcement-related or court-related employee or volunteer, or someone  
10 with a similar name, and categorizes them as such, without the express  
11 written permission of the employee or volunteer must disclose the full  
12 legal name, the full residential or business street address, and the  
13 full residential or business telephone number of the person or  
14 organization selling, trading, giving, publishing, distributing, or  
15 otherwise releasing the information, unless specifically exempted by  
16 law or court order.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) Whenever it appears that any person or  
18 organization is engaged in or about to engage in any act that

1 constitutes or will constitute a violation of section 1 of this act,  
2 the prosecuting attorney or any person harmed by an alleged violation  
3 of section 1 of this act may initiate a civil proceeding in superior  
4 court to enjoin such violation, and may petition the court to issue an  
5 order for the discontinuance of the dissemination of information in  
6 violation of section 1 of this act.

7 (2) An action under this section shall be brought in the county in  
8 which the violation is alleged to have taken place, and shall be  
9 commenced by the filing of a verified complaint, or shall be  
10 accompanied by an affidavit.

11 (3) If it is shown to the satisfaction of the court, either by  
12 verified complaint or affidavit, that a person or organization is  
13 engaged in or about to engage in any act that constitutes a violation  
14 of section 1 of this act, the court may issue a temporary restraining  
15 order to abate and prevent the continuance or recurrence of the act.

16 (4) The court may issue a permanent injunction to restrain, abate,  
17 or prevent the continuance or recurrence of the violation of section 1  
18 of this act. The court may grant declaratory relief, mandatory orders,  
19 or any other relief deemed necessary to accomplish the purposes of the  
20 injunction. The court may retain jurisdiction of the case for the  
21 purpose of enforcing its orders.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Any law enforcement-related or court-related  
23 employee or volunteer who suffers damages as a result of a person or  
24 organization selling, trading, giving, publishing, distributing, or  
25 otherwise releasing the residential address, residential telephone  
26 number, birthdate, or social security number of the employee or  
27 volunteer in violation of section 1 of this act may bring an action  
28 against the person or organization in court for actual damages  
29 sustained, plus attorneys' fees and costs.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act are each  
31 added to chapter 4.24 RCW.

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