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1            AN ACT Relating to a statewide justice information network;  
2 amending RCW 10.98.160; and adding new sections to chapter 10.98 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 10.98 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) The legislature finds that each of the state's justice agencies  
7 and the courts have developed independent information systems to  
8 address independent management and planning needs, that the state's  
9 justice information system is fragmented, and that access to complete,  
10 accurate, and timely justice information is difficult and inefficient.

11            (2) The legislature declares that the purpose of this act is to  
12 develop and maintain, in a cost-effective manner, a statewide network  
13 of criminal justice information that enables sharing and integrated  
14 delivery of justice information maintained in the state's independent  
15 information systems and that will:

16            (a) Maximize standardization of data and communications technology  
17 among law enforcement agencies, jails, prosecuting attorneys, the  
18 courts, corrections, and licensing;

19            (b) Reduce redundant data collection and input efforts;

- 1 (c) Reduce or eliminate paper-based information exchanges;  
2 (d) Improve work flow within the criminal justice system;  
3 (e) Provide complete, accurate, and timely information to criminal  
4 justice agencies and courts in a single computer session; and  
5 (f) Maintain security and privacy rights respecting criminal  
6 justice information.

7 (3) A statewide network of criminal justice information will  
8 improve:

9 (a) The safety of the public and the safety of law enforcement  
10 officers and other public servants, by making more complete, accurate,  
11 and timely information concerning offenders available to all criminal  
12 justice agencies and courts;

13 (b) Decision making, by increasing the availability of statistical  
14 measures for review, evaluation, and promulgation of public policy; and

15 (c) Access to complete, accurate, and timely information by the  
16 public, to the extent permitted pursuant to chapters 10.97 and 42.17  
17 RCW.

18 (4) The legislature encourages state and local criminal justice  
19 agencies and courts to participate in a statewide justice information  
20 network, as criminal justice agencies and courts collect the most  
21 complete, accurate, and timely information regarding offenders.

22 (5) The legislature finds that the implementation, operation, and  
23 continuing enhancement of a statewide justice information network that  
24 enables sharing and integrated delivery of information maintained in  
25 the state's independent information systems is critical to the  
26 complete, accurate, and timely performance of criminal background  
27 checks and to the effective communications between and among law  
28 enforcement, the courts, executive agencies, and political subdivisions  
29 of the state. The legislature further finds and declares that it is in  
30 the best interests of the citizens of the state and for the enhancement  
31 of public safety that a justice information network be implemented as  
32 soon as possible.

33 (6) The legislature finds that the intent, purpose, and goals of  
34 this act will be implemented most effectively by a board having the  
35 power, authority, and responsibility to develop, maintain, and enhance  
36 a statewide justice information network that enables sharing and  
37 integrated delivery of justice information maintained in the state's  
38 independent information systems.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 10.98.160 and 1999 c 143 s 53 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       In the development and modification of the procedures, definitions,  
4 and reporting capabilities of the section, the department, the office  
5 of financial management, and the responsible agencies and persons shall  
6 consider the needs of other criminal justice agencies such as the  
7 administrator for the courts, local law enforcement agencies,  
8 ~~((jailers))~~ local jails, the sentencing guidelines commission, the  
9 indeterminate sentence review board, the clemency board, prosecuting  
10 attorneys, and affected state agencies such as the office of financial  
11 management and legislative committees dealing with criminal justice  
12 issues. ~~((An executive committee appointed by the heads of the  
13 department, the Washington state patrol, and the office of financial  
14 management))~~ The Washington integrated justice information board shall  
15 review and provide recommendations to state justice agencies and the  
16 courts for development and modification of the ~~((section, the  
17 department, and the office of financial management's felony criminal  
18 information systems))~~ statewide justice information network.

19       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 10.98 RCW  
20 to read as follows:

21       (1) There is created the Washington integrated justice information  
22 board. The board shall be composed of the following members:

- 23       (a) A representative appointed by the governor;
- 24       (b) The attorney general;
- 25       (c) The chief of the state patrol;
- 26       (d) The secretary of the department of corrections;
- 27       (e) The director of the department of licensing;
- 28       (f) The administrator for the courts;
- 29       (g) The director of the office of financial management;
- 30       (h) The director of the department of information services;
- 31       (i) The secretary of the juvenile rehabilitation administration;
- 32       (j) A sheriff appointed by the Washington association of sheriffs  
33 and police chiefs;
- 34       (k) A police chief appointed by the Washington association of  
35 sheriffs and police chiefs;

36       (1) A county legislative authority member appointed by the  
37 Washington state association of counties;

1 (m) An elected county clerk appointed by the Washington association  
2 of county clerks;

3 (n) A representative appointed by the Washington association of  
4 city and county information systems;

5 (o) Two representatives appointed by the judicial information  
6 system committee;

7 (p) A representative appointed by the association of Washington  
8 cities;

9 (q) An elected prosecutor appointed by the Washington association  
10 of prosecuting attorneys; and

11 (r) The speaker of the house of representatives and the president  
12 of the senate may each appoint two members to the board, one from each  
13 of the two largest caucuses in each house.

14 These members shall constitute the membership of the board with  
15 full voting rights and shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing  
16 authority. Each member may, in writing, appoint a designee to serve in  
17 the member's absence. Any member of the board shall immediately cease  
18 to be a member if he or she ceases to hold the particular office or  
19 employment that was the basis of the appointment. Vacancies shall be  
20 filled in the same manner that the original appointments were made to  
21 the board.

22 (2) The board may appoint additional justice information  
23 stakeholders as nonvoting members to the board.

24 (3) In making the appointments, the appointing authorities shall  
25 endeavor to assure that there is committed board membership having  
26 expertise relating to state and local criminal justice business  
27 practices and to information sharing and integration technology.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 10.98 RCW  
29 to read as follows:

30 The board shall elect a chair and vice-chair from among its voting  
31 members. Nine voting members of the board shall constitute a quorum.  
32 Meetings may be called by the chair or upon the written request of  
33 three members of the board. Meeting participation may be by means of  
34 conference call or any other communication equipment that allows all  
35 persons participating in the meeting to speak and hear all  
36 participants.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    A new section is added to chapter 10.98 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        (1) The board shall have the following powers and duties related to  
4 integration of justice information:

5            (a) Meet at such times and places as may be designated by the chair  
6 or by three voting members of the board;

7            (b) Adopt its own bylaws, and such other rules governing the board  
8 and the conduct of its meetings as the board may deem reasonable or  
9 convenient;

10          (c) Coordinate and facilitate the governance, implementation,  
11 operation, maintenance, and enhancement of sharing and integrated  
12 delivery of complete, accurate, and timely justice information;

13          (d) Increase the use of automated electronic data transfer among  
14 state justice agencies, local justice agencies, and courts;

15          (e) Establish and implement uniform data standards and protocols  
16 for data transfer and sharing, interface applications, and connectivity  
17 standards;

18          (f) Provide state agency and court justice information to criminal  
19 justice agencies and courts through connections and applications that  
20 enable single session access from multiple platforms;

21          (g) Pursue, develop, and coordinate grants and other funding  
22 opportunities for state and local justice information projects that  
23 will expand or enhance the sharing and integrated delivery of the  
24 statewide justice information network;

25          (h) Assess state and local agencies' projects and plans for sharing  
26 and delivery of integrated justice information, as may be requested by  
27 the agencies, the director of the office of financial management, the  
28 supreme court, or the legislature;

29          (i) Assist the office of financial management with budgetary and  
30 policy review of state agency plans affecting the justice information  
31 network;

32          (j) Recommend to the governor, the supreme court, and the  
33 legislature those legislative changes and appropriations needed to  
34 implement, maintain, and enhance a statewide justice information  
35 network and to assure the availability of complete, accurate, and  
36 timely justice information;

37          (k) Encourage coordination, consistency, and compatibility among

1 courts, state agency, and local agency justice information systems and  
2 projects; and

3 (1) Adopt strategic and tactical planning goals and objectives that  
4 implement, maintain, and enhance sharing and integrated delivery of  
5 justice information for the state.

6 (2)(a) Nothing in this section supersedes the authority of the  
7 information services board under chapter 43.105 RCW.

8 (b) Nothing in this section supersedes the authority of courts,  
9 state agencies, and local agencies to control and maintain access to  
10 information within their independent systems.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 10.98 RCW  
12 to read as follows:

13 The board shall file a report with the governor, the supreme court,  
14 and the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house  
15 committees with jurisdiction over criminal justice funding and policy  
16 by September 1, 2004, and not less than every two years thereafter.  
17 The report shall make recommendations concerning legislative changes  
18 and appropriations needed to implement, operate, and enhance a  
19 statewide justice information network to assure the availability of  
20 complete, accurate, and timely justice information.

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