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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5131**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Delvin, Hargrove, Brandland, and Regala; by request of Lieutenant Governor)

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1 AN ACT Relating to crisis referral services for criminal justice  
2 and correctional personnel; and adding new sections to chapter 43.101  
3 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The commission shall offer a training  
6 session on personal crisis recognition and crisis intervention services  
7 to criminal justice, correctional personnel, and other public safety  
8 employees. The training shall be implemented by the commission in  
9 consultation with appropriate public and private organizations that  
10 have expertise in crisis referral services and in the underlying  
11 conditions leading to the need for crisis referral.

12 (2) The training shall consist of a minimum of one hour of  
13 classroom or internet instruction, and shall include instruction on the  
14 following subjects:

15 (a) The description and underlying causes of problems that may have  
16 an impact on the personal and professional lives of public safety  
17 employees, including mental health issues, chemical dependency,  
18 domestic violence, financial problems, and other personal crises;

1 (b) Techniques by which public safety employees may recognize the  
2 conditions listed in (a) of this subsection and understand the need to  
3 seek assistance and obtain a referral for consultation and possible  
4 treatment; and

5 (c) A listing of examples of public and private crisis referral  
6 agencies available to public safety employees.

7 (3) The training developed by the commission shall be made  
8 available by the commission to all employees of state and local  
9 agencies that perform public safety duties. The commission may charge  
10 a reasonable fee to defer the cost of making the training available.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) All communications to crisis referral  
12 services by employees and volunteers of law enforcement, correctional,  
13 firefighting, and emergency services agencies, and all records related  
14 to the communications, shall be confidential. Crisis referral services  
15 include all public or private organizations that advise employees and  
16 volunteers of such agencies about sources of consultation and treatment  
17 for personal problems including mental health issues, chemical  
18 dependency, domestic violence, gambling, financial problems, and other  
19 personal crises.

20 (2) A crisis referral service may reveal information related to  
21 crisis referral services to prevent reasonably certain death,  
22 substantial bodily harm, or commission of a crime.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act are each added  
24 to chapter 43.101 RCW.

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