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1 AN ACT Relating to corrections; and amending RCW 72.09.010.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 72.09.010 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 19 s 2 are each
4 amended to read as follows:

5 It is the intent of the legislature to establish a comprehensive
6 system of ~~((corrections))~~ rehabilitation and reentry for ~~((convicted~~
7 ~~law-violators))~~ persons experiencing incarceration within the state
8 of Washington to accomplish the following objectives.

9 (1) The system should ~~((ensure-the))~~ improve public safety by
10 focusing on positively changing lives. The system should be designed
11 and managed to provide: ~~((the))~~

12 (a) The maximum feasible safety for the persons and property of
13 the general public, the staff, and the ~~((inmates))~~ individuals
14 experiencing incarceration; and

15 (b) The resources and guidance necessary to support an
16 individual's success throughout the rehabilitation and reentry
17 process.

18 (2) The system should ~~((punish-the-offender-for-violating-the~~
19 ~~laws-of-the-state-of-Washington. This punishment should generally be~~
20 ~~limited-to-the-denial-of-liberty-of-the-offender))~~ cultivate an
21 environment of integrity and trust; promote inclusion, equity, and

1 respect for others; and provide opportunities for personal growth and
2 change.

3 (3) The system should positively impact (~~(offenders)~~) the
4 physical, mental, and emotional security and well-being of persons
5 experiencing incarceration by (~~(stressing personal responsibility and~~
6 accountability)) understanding individuals, instilling hope,
7 embracing change, and by discouraging recidivism.

8 (4) The system should (~~(treat all offenders)~~) promote a
9 respectful environment by treating all persons experiencing
10 incarceration fairly and equitably without regard to race, religion,
11 sex, national origin, residence, or social condition.

12 (5) The system, as much as possible, should reflect the values of
13 the community, including:

14 (a) (~~(Avoiding idleness. Idleness is not only wasteful but~~
15 destructive to the individual and to the community)) Focusing on
16 positive growth and well-being. Individuals must use the
17 rehabilitation and reentry process to embrace change, reflection, and
18 transformation.

19 (b) Adoption of the work ethic. It is the community expectation
20 that all individuals should work and, through their efforts, benefit
21 both themselves and the community.

22 (c) Providing opportunities for self-improvement. All individuals
23 should have opportunities to grow and expand their skills and
24 abilities so as to fulfill their role in the community.

25 (d) Linking the receipt (~~(or denial)~~) of privileges to
26 responsible behavior and accomplishments. The individual who works to
27 improve himself or herself and the community should be rewarded for
28 these efforts. (~~(As a corollary, there should be no rewards for no~~
29 effort.))

30 (e) Sharing in the obligations of the community. All citizens,
31 the public and (~~(inmates)~~) individuals experiencing incarceration
32 alike, have a personal and fiscal obligation in the (~~(corrections)~~)
33 rehabilitation and reentry system. All communities must share in the
34 responsibility and mission of the (~~(corrections)~~) rehabilitation and
35 reentry system.

36 (6) The system should provide for prudent management of
37 resources. The avoidance of unnecessary or inefficient public
38 expenditures (~~(on the part of offenders and the department))~~ is
39 essential. (~~(Offenders)~~) Persons experiencing incarceration must be
40 accountable to the department, and the department in turn must be

1 accountable to the persons experiencing incarceration and to the
2 public and the legislature. The human and fiscal resources of the
3 community are limited. The management and use of these resources can
4 be enhanced by wise investment((7)) in productive rehabilitation and
5 reentry programs and responsive and ongoing staff training, the
6 reduction of duplication and waste, and ((the joining together of all
7 involved parties)) by coordinating and partnering with stakeholders
8 and communities in a common endeavor. ((Since most offenders return
9 to the community, it is wise for the state and the communities to
10 make an investment in effective rehabilitation programs for offenders
11 and the wise use of resources)) The system should be transparent and
12 use outcome-based measurements to evaluate program effectiveness,
13 manage process performance, improve efficiency, and reduce costs.

14 (7) To the extent possible, the system should redirect, leverage,
15 and maximize resources to:

16 (a) Focus on positive reentry transition services through
17 partnerships with community-based organizations and government
18 agencies;

19 (b) Reduce prison violence by using data-informed methods,
20 cognitive behavioral interventions, and risk mitigation;

21 (c) Improve individual engagement and community supervision
22 reporting by adopting alternatives to confinement and connecting
23 individuals with transition and reentry resources;

24 (d) Adopt individualized and structured continuity of care plans
25 to coordinate treatment between community and government agencies and
26 continue care after release;

27 (e) Promote and sustain a culture of acceptance, respect, and
28 inclusion for staff to increase productivity, job satisfaction,
29 communication practices, and retention; and

30 (f) Manage capacity constraints through gender responsive
31 classification tools and nonconfinement options for community
32 supervision sanctions.

33 (8) The system should provide for restitution as part of the
34 rehabilitation and reentry process for persons experiencing
35 incarceration. Those who have damaged others, persons or property,
36 have a responsibility to make restitution for these damages to move
37 forward positively.

38 ((+8)) (9) The system should be accountable to the citizens of
39 the state. In return, the individual citizens and local units of

1 government must meet their responsibilities to make the
2 ((~~corrections~~)) rehabilitation and reentry system effective.
3 ((~~9~~)) 10 The system should meet those national standards
4 which the state determines to be appropriate.

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