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1 AN ACT Relating to commitment placements for juvenile offenders;  
2 and amending RCW 13.40.460.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.40.460 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 516 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 The secretary, assistant secretary, or the secretary's designee  
7 shall manage and administer the department's juvenile rehabilitation  
8 responsibilities, including but not limited to the operation of all  
9 state institutions or facilities used for juvenile rehabilitation.

10 The secretary or assistant secretary shall:

11 (1) Prepare a biennial budget request sufficient to meet the  
12 confinement and rehabilitative needs of the juvenile rehabilitation  
13 program, as forecast by the office of financial management;

14 (2) Create by rule a formal system for inmate classification. This  
15 classification system shall consider:

16 (a) Public safety;

17 (b) Internal security and staff safety; and

18 (c) Rehabilitative resources both within and outside the  
19 department;

1 (3) Develop agreements with local jurisdictions to develop regional  
2 facilities with a variety of custody levels;

3 (4) Adopt rules establishing effective disciplinary policies to  
4 maintain order within institutions;

5 (5) Develop a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation process to be  
6 used at intake, including but not limited to evaluation for substance  
7 addiction or abuse, literacy, learning disabilities, fetal alcohol  
8 syndrome or effect, attention deficit disorder, and mental health;

9 (6) Ensure no juvenile offender on parole status will be placed in  
10 a community residential program where the juvenile may come in contact  
11 with a child found dependent under chapter 13.34 RCW or an at-risk  
12 youth or child in need of services under chapter 13.32A RCW;

13 (7) Develop a plan to implement, by July 1, 1995:

14 (a) Substance abuse treatment programs for all state juvenile  
15 rehabilitation facilities and institutions;

16 (b) Vocational education and instruction programs at all state  
17 juvenile rehabilitation facilities and institutions; and

18 (c) An educational program to establish self-worth and  
19 responsibility in juvenile offenders. This educational program shall  
20 emphasize instruction in character-building principles such as:  
21 Respect for self, others, and authority; victim awareness;  
22 accountability; work ethics; good citizenship; and life skills; and

23 ~~((7))~~ (8) Study, in conjunction with the superintendent of public  
24 instruction, educators, and superintendents of state facilities for  
25 juvenile offenders, the feasibility and value of consolidating within  
26 a single entity the provision of educational services to juvenile  
27 offenders committed to state facilities. The assistant secretary shall  
28 report his or her findings to the legislature by December 1, 1995.

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