

two-year extension period. Under no circumstances may an initial certificate be valid for a period of more than seven years.

Sec. 2. Section 215, chapter 525, Laws of 1987 and RCW 28A.70.042 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The state board of education shall implement rules providing that all teachers performing instructional duties and acquiring professional level certificate status after August 31, 1992, shall possess, as a requirement of professional status, a masters degree in teaching, or a masters degree in the arts, sciences, and/or humanities.

(2) The state board of education shall develop and adopt rules establishing masters degree equivalency standards for vocational instructors performing instructional duties and acquiring professional level certification after August 31, 1992.

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CHAPTER 30

[House Bill No. 1024]

VICTIMS AND WITNESSES—NOTIFICATION OF ESCAPE, RELEASE, OR FURLOUGH OF SEX OFFENDERS

AN ACT Relating to victims/witness enhancement; and amending RCW 9.94A.155 and 9.94A.156.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 1, chapter 346, Laws of 1985 and RCW 9.94A.155 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) At the earliest possible date, and in no event later than ten days before release except in the event of escape or emergency furloughs as defined in RCW 72.66.010, the department of corrections shall send written notice of parole, work release placement, furlough, or escape, if such notice has been requested in writing about a specific inmate convicted of a violent offense or a sex offense as defined by RCW 9.94A.030, to all of the following:

(a) The chief of police of the city, if any, in which the inmate will reside, if known, or in which placement will be made in a work release program;

(b) The sheriff of the county in which the inmate will reside, if known, or in which placement will be made in a work release program;

(c) The victim, if any, of the crime for which the inmate was convicted or the victim's next of kin if the crime was a homicide;

(d) Any witnesses who testified against the inmate in any court proceedings involving the violent offense; and

(e) Any person specified in writing by the prosecuting attorney.

Information regarding victims, next of kin, or witnesses requesting the notice, information regarding any other person specified in writing by the prosecuting attorney to receive the notice, and the notice are confidential and shall not be available to the inmate.

(2) If an inmate convicted of a violent offense or a sex offense as defined by RCW 9.94A.030 escapes from a correctional facility, the department of corrections shall immediately notify, by the most reasonable and expedient means available, the chief of police of the city and the sheriff of the county in which the inmate resided immediately before the inmate's arrest and conviction. If previously requested, the department shall also notify the witnesses and the victim, if any, of the crime for which the inmate was convicted or the victim's next of kin if the crime was a homicide. If the inmate is recaptured, the department shall send notice to the persons designated in this subsection as soon as possible but in no event later than two working days after the department learns of such recapture.

(3) The department of corrections shall send the notices required by this chapter to the last address provided to the department by the requesting party. The requesting party shall furnish the department with a current address.

(4) For purposes of this section the following terms have the following meanings:

(a) "Violent offense" means a violent offense under RCW 9.94A.030;

(b) "Next of kin" means a person's spouse, parents, siblings and children.

(5) Nothing in this section shall impose any liability upon a chief of police of a city or sheriff of a county for failing to request in writing a notice as provided in subsection (1) of this section.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 346, Laws of 1985 and RCW 9.94A.156 are each amended to read as follows:

The department of corrections shall provide the victims and next of kin in the case of a homicide and witnesses involved in violent offense cases or sex offenses as defined by RCW 9.94A.030 where a judgment and sentence was entered after October 1, 1983, a statement of the rights of victims and witnesses to request and receive notification under RCW 9.94A.155 and 9.94A.157.

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