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1 AN ACT Relating to restricting possession of firearms by offenders
2 under the supervision of the department of corrections; amending RCW
3 9.94A.120; and adding a new section to chapter 9.41 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.41 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 As a sentence condition and requirement, offenders under the
8 supervision of the department of corrections pursuant to chapter 9.94A
9 RCW shall not own, use, or possess firearms or ammunition. In addition
10 to any penalty imposed pursuant to RCW 9.41.040 when applicable,
11 offenders found to be in actual or constructive possession of firearms
12 or ammunition shall be subject to the appropriate violation process and
13 sanctions as provided for in RCW 9.94A.200. Firearms or ammunition
14 owned, used, or possessed by offenders may be confiscated by community

1 corrections officers and turned over to the Washington state patrol for
2 disposal as provided in RCW 9.41.098.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.94A.120 and 1990 c 3 s 705 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 When a person is convicted of a felony, the court shall impose
6 punishment as provided in this section.

7 (1) Except as authorized in subsections (2), (5), and (7) of this
8 section, the court shall impose a sentence within the sentence range
9 for the offense.

10 (2) The court may impose a sentence outside the standard sentence
11 range for that offense if it finds, considering the purpose of this
12 chapter, that there are substantial and compelling reasons justifying
13 an exceptional sentence.

14 (3) Whenever a sentence outside the standard range is imposed, the
15 court shall set forth the reasons for its decision in written findings
16 of fact and conclusions of law. A sentence outside the standard range
17 shall be a determinate sentence.

18 (4) An offender convicted of the crime of murder in the first
19 degree shall be sentenced to a term of total confinement not less than
20 twenty years. An offender convicted of the crime of assault in the
21 first degree where the offender used force or means likely to result in
22 death or intended to kill the victim shall be sentenced to a term of
23 total confinement not less than five years. An offender convicted of
24 the crime of rape in the first degree shall be sentenced to a term of
25 total confinement not less than five years, and shall not be eligible
26 for furlough, work release or other authorized leave of absence from
27 the correctional facility during such minimum five-year term except for
28 the purpose of commitment to an inpatient treatment facility. The
29 foregoing minimum terms of total confinement are mandatory and shall

1 not be varied or modified as provided in subsection (2) of this
2 section.

3 (5) In sentencing a first-time offender the court may waive the
4 imposition of a sentence within the sentence range and impose a
5 sentence which may include up to ninety days of confinement in a
6 facility operated or utilized under contract by the county and a
7 requirement that the offender refrain from committing new offenses.
8 The sentence may also include up to two years of community supervision,
9 which, in addition to crime-related prohibitions, may include
10 requirements that the offender perform any one or more of the
11 following:

12 (a) Devote time to a specific employment or occupation;

13 (b) Undergo available outpatient treatment for up to two years, or
14 inpatient treatment not to exceed the standard range of confinement for
15 that offense;

16 (c) Pursue a prescribed, secular course of study or vocational
17 training;

18 (d) Remain within prescribed geographical boundaries and notify the
19 court or the community corrections officer prior to any change in the
20 offender's address or employment;

21 (e) Report as directed to the court and a community corrections
22 officer; or

23 (f) Pay all court-ordered legal financial obligations as provided
24 in RCW 9.94A.030 and/or perform community service work.

25 (6) If a sentence range has not been established for the
26 defendant's crime, the court shall impose a determinate sentence which
27 may include not more than one year of confinement, community service
28 work, a term of community supervision not to exceed one year, and/or
29 other legal financial obligations. The court may impose a sentence
30 which provides more than one year of confinement if the court finds,

1 considering the purpose of this chapter, that there are substantial and
2 compelling reasons justifying an exceptional sentence.

3 (7)(a)(i) When an offender is convicted of a sex offense other than
4 a violation of RCW 9A.44.050 or a sex offense that is also a serious
5 violent offense and has no prior convictions for a sex offense or any
6 other felony sex offenses in this or any other state, the sentencing
7 court, on its own motion or the motion of the state or the defendant,
8 may order an examination to determine whether the defendant is amenable
9 to treatment.

10 The report of the examination shall include at a minimum the
11 following: The defendant's version of the facts and the official
12 version of the facts, the defendant's offense history, an assessment of
13 problems in addition to alleged deviant behaviors, the offender's
14 social and employment situation, and other evaluation measures used.
15 The report shall set forth the sources of the evaluator's information.

16 The examiner shall assess and report regarding the defendant's
17 amenability to treatment and relative risk to the community. A
18 proposed treatment plan shall be provided and shall include, at a
19 minimum:

20 (A) Frequency and type of contact between offender and therapist;

21 (B) Specific issues to be addressed in the treatment and
22 description of planned treatment modalities;

23 (C) Monitoring plans, including any requirements regarding living
24 conditions, lifestyle requirements, and monitoring by family members
25 and others;

26 (D) Anticipated length of treatment; and

27 (E) Recommended crime-related prohibitions.

28 The court on its own motion may order, or on a motion by the state
29 shall order, a second examination regarding the offender's amenability
30 to treatment. The evaluator shall be selected by the party making the

1 motion. The defendant shall pay the cost of any second examination
2 ordered unless the court finds the defendant to be indigent in which
3 case the state shall pay the cost.

4 (ii) After receipt of the reports, the court shall consider whether
5 the offender and the community will benefit from use of this special
6 sexual offender sentencing alternative and consider the victim's
7 opinion whether the offender should receive a treatment disposition
8 under this subsection. If the court determines that this special sex
9 offender sentencing alternative is appropriate, the court shall then
10 impose a sentence within the sentence range. If this sentence is less
11 than eight years of confinement, the court may suspend the execution of
12 the sentence and impose the following conditions of suspension:

13 (A) The court shall place the defendant on community supervision
14 for the length of the suspended sentence or three years, whichever is
15 greater; and

16 (B) The court shall order treatment for any period up to three
17 years in duration. The court in its discretion shall order outpatient
18 sex offender treatment or inpatient sex offender treatment, if
19 available. A community mental health center may not be used for such
20 treatment unless it has an appropriate program designed for sex
21 offender treatment. The offender shall not change sex offender
22 treatment providers or treatment conditions without first notifying the
23 prosecutor, the community corrections officer, and the court, and shall
24 not change providers without court approval after a hearing if the
25 prosecutor or community corrections officer object to the change. In
26 addition, as conditions of the suspended sentence, the court may impose
27 other sentence conditions including up to six months of confinement,
28 not to exceed the sentence range of confinement for that offense,
29 crime-related prohibitions, and requirements that the offender perform
30 any one or more of the following:

1 (I) Devote time to a specific employment or occupation;

2 (II) Remain within prescribed geographical boundaries and notify
3 the court or the community corrections officer prior to any change in
4 the offender's address or employment;

5 (III) Report as directed to the court and a community corrections
6 officer;

7 (IV) Pay all court-ordered legal financial obligations as provided
8 in RCW 9.94A.030, perform community service work, or any combination
9 thereof; or

10 (V) Make recoupment to the victim for the cost of any counseling
11 required as a result of the offender's crime.

12 (iii) The sex offender therapist shall submit quarterly reports on
13 the defendant's progress in treatment to the court and the parties.
14 The report shall reference the treatment plan and include at a minimum
15 the following: Dates of attendance, defendant's compliance with
16 requirements, treatment activities, the defendant's relative progress
17 in treatment, and any other material as specified by the court at
18 sentencing.

19 (iv) At the time of sentencing, the court shall set a treatment
20 termination hearing for three months prior to the anticipated date for
21 completion of treatment. Prior to the treatment termination hearing,
22 the treatment professional and community corrections officer shall
23 submit written reports to the court and parties regarding the
24 defendant's compliance with treatment and monitoring requirements, and
25 recommendations regarding termination from treatment, including
26 proposed community supervision conditions. Either party may request
27 and the court may order another evaluation regarding the advisability
28 of termination from treatment. The defendant shall pay the cost of any
29 additional evaluation ordered unless the court finds the defendant to
30 be indigent in which case the state shall pay the cost. At the

1 treatment termination hearing the court may: (A) Modify conditions of
2 community supervision, and either (B) terminate treatment, or (C)
3 extend treatment for up to the remaining period of community
4 supervision.

5 (v) The court may revoke the suspended sentence at any time during
6 the period of community supervision and order execution of the sentence
7 if: (A) The defendant violates the conditions of the suspended
8 sentence, or (B) the court finds that the defendant is failing to make
9 satisfactory progress in treatment. All confinement time served during
10 the period of community supervision shall be credited to the offender
11 if the suspended sentence is revoked.

12 (vi) After July 1, 1991, examinations and treatment ordered
13 pursuant to this subsection shall only be conducted by sex offender
14 treatment providers certified by the department of health pursuant to
15 chapter 18.155 RCW.

16 For purposes of this subsection, "victim" means any person who has
17 sustained emotional, psychological, physical, or financial injury to
18 person or property as a result of the crime charged. "Victim" also
19 means a parent or guardian of a victim who is a minor child unless the
20 parent or guardian is the perpetrator of the offense.

21 (b) When an offender is convicted of any felony sex offense
22 committed before July 1, 1987, and is sentenced to a term of
23 confinement of more than one year but less than six years, the
24 sentencing court may, on its own motion or on the motion of the
25 offender or the state, order the offender committed for up to thirty
26 days to the custody of the secretary of social and health services for
27 evaluation and report to the court on the offender's amenability to
28 treatment at these facilities. If the secretary of social and health
29 services cannot begin the evaluation within thirty days of the court's
30 order of commitment, the offender shall be transferred to the state for

1 confinement pending an opportunity to be evaluated at the appropriate
2 facility. The court shall review the reports and may order that the
3 term of confinement imposed be served in the sexual offender treatment
4 program at the location determined by the secretary of social and
5 health services or the secretary's designee, only if the report
6 indicates that the offender is amenable to the treatment program
7 provided at these facilities. The offender shall be transferred to the
8 state pending placement in the treatment program. Any offender who has
9 escaped from the treatment program shall be referred back to the
10 sentencing court.

11 If the offender does not comply with the conditions of the
12 treatment program, the secretary of social and health services may
13 refer the matter to the sentencing court. The sentencing court shall
14 commit the offender to the department of corrections to serve the
15 balance of the term of confinement.

16 If the offender successfully completes the treatment program before
17 the expiration of the term of confinement, the court may convert the
18 balance of confinement to community supervision and may place
19 conditions on the offender including crime-related prohibitions and
20 requirements that the offender perform any one or more of the
21 following:

- 22 (i) Devote time to a specific employment or occupation;
- 23 (ii) Remain within prescribed geographical boundaries and notify
24 the court or the community corrections officer prior to any change in
25 the offender's address or employment;
- 26 (iii) Report as directed to the court and a community corrections
27 officer;
- 28 (iv) Undergo available outpatient treatment.

29 If the offender violates any of the terms of community supervision,
30 the court may order the offender to serve out the balance of the

1 community supervision term in confinement in the custody of the
2 department of corrections.

3 After June 30, 1993, this subsection (b) shall cease to have
4 effect.

5 (c) When an offender commits any felony sex offense on or after
6 July 1, 1987, and is sentenced to a term of confinement of more than
7 one year but less than six years, the sentencing court may, on its own
8 motion or on the motion of the offender or the state, request the
9 department of corrections to evaluate whether the offender is amenable
10 to treatment and the department may place the offender in a treatment
11 program within a correctional facility operated by the department.

12 Except for an offender who has been convicted of a violation of RCW
13 9A.44.040 or 9A.44.050, if the offender completes the treatment program
14 before the expiration of his term of confinement, the department of
15 corrections may request the court to convert the balance of confinement
16 to community supervision and to place conditions on the offender
17 including crime-related prohibitions and requirements that the offender
18 perform any one or more of the following:

19 (i) Devote time to a specific employment or occupation;

20 (ii) Remain within prescribed geographical boundaries and notify
21 the court or the community corrections officer prior to any change in
22 the offender's address or employment;

23 (iii) Report as directed to the court and a community corrections
24 officer;

25 (iv) Undergo available outpatient treatment.

26 If the offender violates any of the terms of his community
27 supervision, the court may order the offender to serve out the balance
28 of his community supervision term in confinement in the custody of the
29 department of corrections.

1 Nothing in (c) of this subsection shall confer eligibility for such
2 programs for offenders convicted and sentenced for a sex offense
3 committed prior to July 1, 1987. This subsection (c) does not apply to
4 any crime committed after July 1, 1990.

5 (d) Offenders convicted and sentenced for a sex offense committed
6 prior to July 1, 1987, may, subject to available funds, request an
7 evaluation by the department of corrections to determine whether they
8 are amenable to treatment. If the offender is determined to be
9 amenable to treatment, the offender may request placement in a
10 treatment program within a correctional facility operated by the
11 department. Placement in such treatment program is subject to
12 available funds.

13 (8)(a) When a court sentences a person to a term of total
14 confinement to the custody of the department of corrections for an
15 offense categorized as a sex offense or a serious violent offense
16 committed after July 1, 1988, but before July 1, 1990, assault in the
17 second degree, any crime against a person where it is determined in
18 accordance with RCW 9.94A.125 that the defendant or an accomplice was
19 armed with a deadly weapon at the time of commission, or any felony
20 offense under chapter 69.50 or 69.52 RCW, committed on or after July 1,
21 1988, the court shall in addition to the other terms of the sentence,
22 sentence the offender to a one-year term of community placement
23 beginning either upon completion of the term of confinement or at such
24 time as the offender is transferred to community custody in lieu of
25 earned early release in accordance with RCW 9.94A.150 (1) and (2).
26 When the court sentences an offender under this subsection to the
27 statutory maximum period of confinement then the community placement
28 portion of the sentence shall consist entirely of such community
29 custody to which the offender may become eligible, in accordance with
30 RCW 9.94A.150 (1) and (2). Any period of community custody actually

1 served shall be credited against the community placement portion of the
2 sentence.

3 (b) When a court sentences a person to a term of total confinement
4 to the custody of the department of corrections for an offense
5 categorized as a sex offense or serious violent offense committed on or
6 after July 1, 1990, the court shall in addition to other terms of the
7 sentence, sentence the offender to community placement for two years or
8 up to the period of earned early release awarded pursuant to RCW
9 9.94A.150 (1) and (2), whichever is longer. The community placement
10 shall begin either upon completion of the term of confinement or at
11 such time as the offender is transferred to community custody in lieu
12 of earned early release in accordance with RCW 9.94A.150 (1) and (2).
13 When the court sentences an offender under this subsection to the
14 statutory maximum period of confinement then the community placement
15 portion of the sentence shall consist entirely of the community custody
16 to which the offender may become eligible, in accordance with RCW
17 9.94A.150 (1) and (2). Any period of community custody actually served
18 shall be credited against the community placement portion of the
19 sentence. Unless a condition is waived by the court, the terms of
20 community placement for offenders sentenced pursuant to this section
21 shall include the following conditions:

22 (i) The offender shall report to and be available for contact with
23 the assigned community corrections officer as directed;

24 (ii) The offender shall work at department of corrections-approved
25 education, employment, and/or community service;

26 (iii) The offender shall not consume controlled substances except
27 pursuant to lawfully issued prescriptions;

28 (iv) An offender in community custody shall not unlawfully possess
29 controlled substances; and

1 (v) The offender shall pay supervision fees as determined by the
2 department of corrections.

3 (c) The court may also order any of the following special
4 conditions:

5 (i) The offender shall remain within, or outside of, a specified
6 geographical boundary;

7 (ii) The offender shall not have direct or indirect contact with
8 the victim of the crime or a specified class of individuals;

9 (iii) The offender shall participate in crime-related treatment or
10 counseling services;

11 (iv) The offender shall not consume alcohol;

12 (v) The residence location and living arrangements of a sex
13 offender shall be subject to the prior approval of the department of
14 corrections; or

15 (vi) The offender shall comply with any crime-related prohibitions.

16 (d) Prior to transfer to, or during, community placement, any
17 conditions of community placement may be removed or modified so as not
18 to be more restrictive by the sentencing court, upon recommendation of
19 the department of corrections.

20 (9) If the court imposes a sentence requiring confinement of thirty
21 days or less, the court may, in its discretion, specify that the
22 sentence be served on consecutive or intermittent days. A sentence
23 requiring more than thirty days of confinement shall be served on
24 consecutive days. Local jail administrators may schedule court-ordered
25 intermittent sentences as space permits.

26 (10) If a sentence imposed includes payment of a legal financial
27 obligation, the sentence shall specify the total amount of the legal
28 financial obligation owed, and shall require the offender to pay a
29 specified monthly sum toward that legal financial obligation.
30 Restitution to victims shall be paid prior to any other payments of

1 monetary obligations. Any legal financial obligation that is imposed
2 by the court may be collected by the department, which shall deliver
3 the amount paid to the county clerk for credit. The offender's
4 compliance with payment of legal financial obligations shall be
5 supervised by the department. All monetary payments ordered shall be
6 paid no later than ten years after the last date of release from
7 confinement pursuant to a felony conviction or the date the sentence
8 was entered. Independent of the department, the party or entity to
9 whom the legal financial obligation is owed shall have the authority to
10 utilize any other remedies available to the party or entity to collect
11 the legal financial obligation. Nothing in this section makes the
12 department, the state, or any of its employees, agents, or other
13 persons acting on their behalf liable under any circumstances for the
14 payment of these legal financial obligations. If an order includes
15 restitution as one of the monetary assessments, the county clerk shall
16 make disbursements to victims named in the order.

17 (11) Except as provided under RCW 9.94A.140(1) and 9.94A.142(1), a
18 court may not impose a sentence providing for a term of confinement or
19 community supervision or community placement which exceeds the
20 statutory maximum for the crime as provided in chapter 9A.20 RCW.

21 (12) All offenders sentenced to terms involving community
22 supervision, community service, community placement, or legal financial
23 obligation shall be under the supervision of the secretary of the
24 department of corrections or such person as the secretary may designate
25 and shall follow explicitly the instructions of the secretary including
26 reporting as directed to a community corrections officer, remaining
27 within prescribed geographical boundaries, and notifying the community
28 corrections officer of any change in the offender's address or
29 employment.

1 (13) All offenders sentenced to terms involving community
2 supervision, community service, community placement, or legal financial
3 obligations under the supervision of the department of corrections
4 shall not own, use, or possess firearms or ammunition. Offenders who
5 own, use, or are found to be in actual or constructive possession of
6 firearms or ammunition shall be subject to the appropriate violation
7 process and sanctions. "Constructive possession" as used in this
8 subsection means the power and intent to control the firearm or
9 ammunition. "Firearm" as used in this subsection means a weapon or
10 device from which a projectile may be fired by an explosive such as
11 gunpowder.

12 (14) The sentencing court shall give the offender credit for all
13 confinement time served before the sentencing if that confinement was
14 solely in regard to the offense for which the offender is being
15 sentenced.

16 (~~(14)~~) (15) A departure from the standards in RCW 9.94A.400 (1)
17 and (2) governing whether sentences are to be served consecutively or
18 concurrently is an exceptional sentence subject to the limitations in
19 subsections (2) and (3) of this section, and may be appealed by the
20 defendant or the state as set forth in RCW 9.94A.210 (2) through (6).

21 (~~(15)~~) (16) The court shall order restitution whenever the
22 offender is convicted of a felony that results in injury to any person
23 or damage to or loss of property, whether the offender is sentenced to
24 confinement or placed under community supervision, unless extraordinary
25 circumstances exist that make restitution inappropriate in the court's
26 judgment. The court shall set forth the extraordinary circumstances in
27 the record if it does not order restitution.

28 (~~(16)~~) (17) As a part of any sentence, the court may impose and
29 enforce an order that relates directly to the circumstances of the
30 crime for which the offender has been convicted, prohibiting the

1 offender from having any contact with other specified individuals or a
2 specific class of individuals for a period not to exceed the maximum
3 allowable sentence for the crime, regardless of the expiration of the
4 offender's term of community supervision or community placement.

5 (~~(17)~~) (18) In any sentence of partial confinement, the court may
6 require the defendant to serve the partial confinement in work release
7 or in a program of home detention.

8 (~~(18)~~) (19) All court-ordered legal financial obligations
9 collected by the department and remitted to the county clerk shall be
10 credited and paid where restitution is ordered. Restitution shall be
11 paid prior to any other payments of monetary obligations.