

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 2003

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As Reported By House Committee On:  
Human Services

**Title:** An act relating to juvenile offenders.

**Brief Description:** Affecting juvenile offenders.

**Sponsors:** Representative Morris.

**Brief History:**

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Human Services, March 3, 1993, DPS.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**Majority Report:** The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 9 members: Representatives Riley, Vice Chair; Cooke, Ranking Minority Member; Talcott, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Brown; Lisk; Padden; Patterson; Thibaudeau; and Wolfe.

**Staff:** David Knutson (786-7146).

**Background:** The crime of "stalking" was established by statute during the 1992 Legislative Session. It is not currently referenced in the juvenile sentencing schedule. The definition of a "middle offender" is complex and created some uncertainty in some juvenile courts.

**Summary of Substitute Bill:** Stalking with no prior stalkings and stalking with prior stalkings are added to the juvenile disposition sentencing schedule. The definition of "middle offender" is clarified and simplified.

**Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:** A sentencing option, called Maximum Supervision for Juvenile Offenders, with between 80 and 109 points, was removed from the legislation. A structured transition program for juvenile offenders who have served 100 percent of their minimum term of confinement was removed from the legislation. An appropriation of \$5 million to fund the proposed structured transition program was removed from the legislation.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested March 1, 1993.

**Appropriation:** The substitute bill removes the \$5 million appropriation from the general fund to the Department of Social and Health Services.

**Effective Date of Substitute Bill:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** These technical changes to the juvenile sentencing schedule are necessary to ensure the uniform, speedy administration of justice.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Witnesses:** (Pro): Representative Morris, prime sponsor; Alex Barkis, Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys; Jerry Wasson, Department of Social and Health Services; and John Turner and Keith Anderson, Juvenile Sentencing Commission.