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1 AN ACT Relating to work ethics camps; and amending RCW 9.94A.137.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.94A.137 and 1993 c 338 s 4 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) An offender is eligible to be sentenced to a work ethic camp if
6 the offender:

7 (a) Is sentenced to a term of total confinement of not less than
8 (~~twenty-two~~) twelve months and one day or more than thirty-six
9 months;

10 (b) Is between the ages of eighteen and twenty-eight years; and

11 (c) Has no current or prior convictions for any sex offenses or
12 violent offenses.

13 (2) If the sentencing judge determines that the offender is
14 eligible for the work ethic camp and is likely to qualify under
15 subsection (3) of this section, the judge shall impose a sentence
16 within the standard range and may recommend that the offender serve the
17 sentence at a work ethic camp. The sentence shall provide that if the
18 offender successfully completes the program, the department shall
19 convert the period of work ethic camp confinement at the rate of one

1 day of work ethic camp confinement to three days of total standard
2 confinement. The court shall also provide that upon completion of the
3 work ethic camp program, the offender shall be released on community
4 custody for any remaining time of total confinement.

5 (3) The department shall place the offender in the work ethic camp
6 program, subject to capacity, unless the department determines that the
7 offender has physical or mental impairments that would prevent
8 participation and completion of the program, or the offender refuses to
9 agree to the terms and conditions of the program.

10 (4) An inmate who fails to complete the work ethic camp program,
11 who is administratively terminated from the program, or who otherwise
12 violates any conditions of supervision, as defined by the department,
13 shall be reclassified to serve the unexpired term of his or her
14 sentence as ordered by the sentencing judge and shall be subject to all
15 rules relating to earned early release time.

16 (5) The length of the work ethic camp program shall be at least one
17 hundred twenty days and not more than one hundred eighty days. Because
18 of the conversion ratio, earned early release time shall not accrue to
19 offenders who successfully complete the program.

20 (6) During the last two weeks prior to release from the work ethic
21 camp program the department shall provide the offender with
22 comprehensive transition training.

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