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1            AN ACT Relating to the juvenile offender basic training camp  
2 program; and amending RCW 13.40.320.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.40.320 and 2002 c 354 s 234 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            (1) The department of social and health services ((shall)) may  
7 establish a medium security juvenile offender basic training camp  
8 program. This program for juvenile offenders serving a term of  
9 confinement under the supervision of the department is exempt from  
10 the licensing requirements of chapter 74.15 RCW.

11            (2) The department may contract under this chapter with private  
12 companies, the national guard, or other federal, state, or local  
13 agencies to operate the juvenile offender basic training camp.

14            (3) The juvenile offender basic training camp shall be a  
15 structured and regimented model emphasizing the building up of an  
16 offender's self-esteem, confidence, and discipline. The juvenile  
17 offender basic training camp program shall provide participants with  
18 basic education, prevocational training, work-based learning, work  
19 experience, work ethic skills, conflict resolution counseling,  
20 substance abuse intervention, anger management counseling, and  
21 structured intensive physical training. The juvenile offender basic

1 training camp program shall have a curriculum training and work  
2 schedule that incorporates a balanced assignment of these or other  
3 rehabilitation and training components for no less than sixteen hours  
4 per day, six days a week.

5 The department shall develop standards for the safe and effective  
6 operation of the juvenile offender basic training camp program, for  
7 an offender's successful program completion, and for the continued  
8 after-care supervision of offenders who have successfully completed  
9 the program.

10 (4) Offenders eligible for the juvenile offender basic training  
11 camp option shall be those with a disposition of not more than sixty-  
12 five weeks. Violent and sex offenders shall not be eligible for the  
13 juvenile offender basic training camp program.

14 (5) If the court determines that the offender is eligible for the  
15 juvenile offender basic training camp option, the court may recommend  
16 that the department place the offender in the program. The department  
17 shall evaluate the offender and may place the offender in the  
18 program. The evaluation shall include, at a minimum, a risk  
19 assessment developed by the department and designed to determine the  
20 offender's suitability for the program. No juvenile who is assessed  
21 as a high risk offender or suffers from any mental or physical  
22 problems that could endanger his or her health or drastically affect  
23 his or her performance in the program shall be admitted to or  
24 retained in the juvenile offender basic training camp program.

25 (6) All juvenile offenders eligible for the juvenile offender  
26 basic training camp sentencing option shall spend one hundred twenty  
27 days of their disposition in a juvenile offender basic training camp.  
28 This period may be extended for up to forty days by the secretary if  
29 a juvenile offender requires additional time to successfully complete  
30 the basic training camp program. If the juvenile offender's  
31 activities while in the juvenile offender basic training camp are so  
32 disruptive to the juvenile offender basic training camp program, as  
33 determined by the secretary according to standards developed by the  
34 department, as to result in the removal of the juvenile offender from  
35 the juvenile offender basic training camp program, or if the offender  
36 cannot complete the juvenile offender basic training camp program due  
37 to medical problems, the secretary shall require that the offender be  
38 committed to a juvenile institution to serve the entire remainder of  
39 his or her disposition, less the amount of time already served in the  
40 juvenile offender basic training camp program.

1           (7) All offenders who successfully graduate from the juvenile  
2 offender basic training camp program shall spend the remainder of  
3 their disposition on parole in a juvenile rehabilitation  
4 administration intensive aftercare program in the local community.  
5 Violation of the conditions of parole is subject to sanctions  
6 specified in RCW 13.40.210(4). The program shall provide for the  
7 needs of the offender based on his or her progress in the aftercare  
8 program as indicated by ongoing assessment of those needs and  
9 progress. The intensive aftercare program shall monitor postprogram  
10 juvenile offenders and assist them to successfully reintegrate into  
11 the community. In addition, the program shall develop a process for  
12 closely monitoring and assessing public safety risks. The intensive  
13 aftercare program shall be designed and funded by the department of  
14 social and health services.

15           (8) The department shall also develop and maintain a database to  
16 measure recidivism rates specific to this incarceration program. The  
17 database shall maintain data on all juvenile offenders who complete  
18 the juvenile offender basic training camp program for a period of two  
19 years after they have completed the program. The database shall also  
20 maintain data on the criminal activity, educational progress, and  
21 employment activities of all juvenile offenders who participated in  
22 the program.

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