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- 1 AN ACT Relating to the release of juveniles in the custody of juvenile rehabilitation; and amending RCW 13.40.210.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.40.210 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 6 s 609 are each 5 amended to read as follows:
 - (1) (a) The secretary shall set a release date for each juvenile committed to its custody. The release date shall be within the prescribed range to which a juvenile has been committed under RCW 13.40.0357 or 13.40.030 except as provided in RCW 13.40.320 concerning offenders the department determines are eligible for the juvenile offender basic training camp program. Such dates shall be determined prior to the expiration of sixty percent of a juvenile's minimum term of confinement included within the prescribed range to which the juvenile has been committed. The secretary shall release any juvenile committed to the custody of the department within four calendar days prior to the juvenile's release date or on the release date set under this chapter. Days spent in the custody of the department shall be tolled by any period of time during which a juvenile has absented himself or herself from the department's supervision without the prior approval of the secretary or the secretary's designee.

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(b) The secretary shall work with each person in its custody, and the family of any juvenile under the age of eighteen, to establish a safe release plan into safe and stable housing, in accordance with state policy established by RCW 43.330.720.

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- (c) (i) If the secretary is unable to establish a safe release plan, the secretary may provide rental vouchers to the person in custody for a period not to exceed six months if rental assistance will result in a safe release plan.
- (ii) A voucher must be provided in conjunction with additional transition support programming or services that enable the person to participate in the services including, but not limited to, substance use disorder treatment, mental health treatment, sex offender treatment, educational programming, or employment programming.
- (2) The secretary shall monitor the average daily population of the state's juvenile residential facilities. When the secretary concludes that in-residence population of residential facilities exceeds one hundred five percent of the rated bed capacity specified in statute, or in absence of such specification, as specified by the department in rule, the secretary may recommend reductions to the governor. On certification by the governor that the recommended are necessary, the secretary has administratively release a sufficient number of offenders to reduce in-residence population to one hundred percent of rated bed capacity. The secretary shall release those offenders who have served the greatest proportion of their sentence. However, the secretary may deny release in a particular case at the request of an offender, or if the secretary finds that there is no responsible custodian, as determined by the department, to whom to release the offender, or if the release of the offender would pose a clear danger to society. The department shall notify the committing court of the release at the time of release if any such early releases have occurred as a result of excessive in-residence population. In no event shall an offender adjudicated of a violent offense be granted release under the provisions of this subsection.
- (3) (a) Following the release of any juvenile under subsection (1) of this section, the secretary may require the juvenile to comply with a program of parole to be administered by the department in his or her community which shall last no longer than eighteen months, except that in the case of a juvenile sentenced for rape in the first or second degree, rape of a child in the first or second degree,

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1 child molestation in the first degree, or indecent liberties with forcible compulsion, the period of parole shall be twenty-four months 2 and, in the discretion of the secretary, may be up to thirty-six 3 months when the secretary finds that an additional period of parole 4 is necessary and appropriate in the interests of public safety or to 5 6 meet the ongoing needs of the juvenile. A parole program is mandatory for offenders released under subsection (2) of this section and for 7 offenders who receive a juvenile residential commitment sentence for 8 theft of a motor vehicle, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, or 9 taking a motor vehicle without permission 1. A juvenile adjudicated 10 for unlawful possession of a firearm, possession of a stolen firearm, 11 12 theft of a firearm, or drive-by shooting may participate aggression replacement training, functional family therapy, or 13 functional family parole aftercare if the juvenile meets eligibility 14 requirements for these services. The decision to place an offender in 15 16 an evidence-based parole program shall be based on an assessment by 17 the department of the offender's risk for reoffending upon release and an assessment of the ongoing treatment needs of the juvenile. The 18 19 department shall prioritize available parole resources to provide supervision and services to offenders at moderate to high risk for 20 21 reoffending.

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(b) The secretary shall, for the period of parole, facilitate the juvenile's reintegration into his or her community and to further this goal shall require the juvenile to refrain from possessing a firearm or using a deadly weapon and refrain from committing new offenses and may require the juvenile to: (i) Undergo available medical, psychiatric, drug and alcohol, sex offender, mental health, and other offense-related treatment services; (ii) report as directed to a parole officer and/or designee; (iii) pursue a course of study, vocational training, or employment; (iv) notify the parole officer of the current address where he or she resides; (v) be present at a particular address during specified hours; (vi) remain within prescribed geographical boundaries; (vii) submit to electronic monitoring; (viii) refrain from using illegal drugs and alcohol, and submit to random urinalysis when requested by the assigned parole officer; (ix) refrain from contact with specific individuals or a specified class of individuals; (x) meet other conditions determined by the parole officer to further enhance the juvenile's reintegration into the community; (xi) pay any court-ordered fines or restitution; and (xii) perform community restitution. Community restitution for

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the purpose of this section means compulsory service, without compensation, performed for the benefit of the community by the offender. Community restitution may be performed through public or private organizations or through work crews.

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- (c) The secretary may further require up to twenty-five percent of the highest risk juvenile offenders who are placed on parole to supervision in an intensive program. Offenders participate participating in an intensive supervision program shall be required to comply with all terms and conditions listed in (b) of this subsection and shall also be required to comply with the following additional terms and conditions: (i) Obey all laws and refrain from any conduct that threatens public safety; (ii) report at least once a week to an assigned community case manager; and (iii) meet all other requirements imposed by the community case manager related to participating in the intensive supervision program. As a part of the intensive supervision program, the secretary may require day reporting.
 - (d) After termination of the parole period, the juvenile shall be discharged from the department's supervision.
 - (4)(a) The department may also modify parole for violation thereof. If, after affording a juvenile all of the due process rights to which he or she would be entitled if the juvenile were an adult, the secretary finds that a juvenile has violated a condition of his or her parole, the secretary shall order one of the following which is reasonably likely to effectuate the purpose of the parole and to protect the public: (i) Continued supervision under the same conditions previously imposed; (ii) intensified supervision with increased reporting requirements; (iii) additional conditions of supervision authorized by this chapter; (iv) except as provided in (a) (v) and (vi) of this subsection, imposition of a period of confinement not to exceed thirty days in a facility operated by or pursuant to a contract with the state of Washington or any city or county for a portion of each day or for a certain number of days each week with the balance of the days or weeks spent under supervision; (v) the secretary may order any of the conditions or may return the offender to confinement for the remainder of the sentence range if the offense for which the offender was sentenced is rape in the first or second degree, rape of a child in the first or second degree, child molestation in the first degree, indecent liberties with forcible compulsion, or a sex offense that is also a serious violent

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offense as defined by RCW 9.94A.030; and (vi) the secretary may order any of the conditions or may return the offender to confinement for the remainder of the sentence range if the youth has completed the basic training camp program as described in RCW 13.40.320.

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- (b) The secretary may modify parole and order any of the 5 6 conditions or may return the offender to confinement for up to twenty-four weeks if the offender was sentenced for a sex offense as 7 defined under RCW 9A.44.128 and is known to have violated the terms 8 of parole. Confinement beyond thirty days is intended to only be used 9 for a small and limited number of sex offenders. It shall only be 10 used when other graduated sanctions or interventions have not been 11 12 effective or the behavior is so egregious it warrants the use of the higher level intervention and the violation: (i) Is a known pattern 13 of behavior consistent with a previous sex offense that puts the 14 youth at high risk for reoffending sexually; (ii) consists of sexual 15 16 behavior that is determined to be predatory as defined in RCW 17 71.09.020; or (iii) requires a review under chapter 71.09 RCW, due to a recent overt act. The total number of days of confinement for 18 19 violations of parole conditions during the parole period shall not exceed the number of days provided by the maximum sentence imposed by 20 21 the disposition for the underlying offense pursuant to 22 13.40.0357. The department shall not aggregate multiple parole 23 violations that occur prior to the parole revocation hearing and impose consecutive twenty-four week periods of confinement for each 24 25 parole violation. The department is authorized to engage in rule making pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, to implement this subsection, 26 27 including narrowly defining the behaviors that could lead to this 28 higher level intervention.
 - (c) If the department finds that any juvenile in a program of parole has possessed a firearm or used a deadly weapon during the program of parole, the department shall modify the parole under (a) of this subsection and confine the juvenile for at least thirty days. Confinement shall be in a facility operated by or pursuant to a contract with the state or any county.
 - (5) A parole officer of the department of children, youth, and families shall have the power to arrest a juvenile under his or her supervision on the same grounds as a law enforcement officer would be authorized to arrest the person.

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1 (6) If so requested and approved under chapter 13.06 RCW, the 2 secretary shall permit a county or group of counties to perform 3 functions under subsections (3) through (5) of this section.

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