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1 AN ACT Relating to management of individuals who are placed in
2 juvenile rehabilitation institutions; amending RCW 13.40.020,
3 13.40.460, 72.05.420, 13.40.215, and 72.01.410; adding a new section
4 to chapter 72.01 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.40.020 and 2024 c 117 s 4 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 For the purposes of this chapter:

9 (1) "Assessment" means an individualized examination of a child
10 to determine the child's psychosocial needs and problems, including
11 the type and extent of any mental health, substance abuse, or co-
12 occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders, and
13 recommendations for treatment. "Assessment" includes, but is not
14 limited to, drug and alcohol evaluations, psychological and
15 psychiatric evaluations, records review, clinical interview, and
16 administration of a formal test or instrument;

17 (2) "Community-based rehabilitation" means one or more of the
18 following: Employment; attendance of information classes; literacy
19 classes; counseling, outpatient substance abuse treatment programs,
20 outpatient mental health programs, anger management classes,
21 education or outpatient treatment programs to prevent animal cruelty,

1 or other services including, when appropriate, restorative justice
2 programs; or attendance at school or other educational programs
3 appropriate for the juvenile as determined by the school district.
4 Placement in community-based rehabilitation programs is subject to
5 available funds;

6 (3) "Community-based sanctions" may include community restitution
7 not to exceed 150 hours of community restitution;

8 (4) "Community restitution" means compulsory service, without
9 compensation, performed for the benefit of the community by the
10 offender as punishment for committing an offense. Community
11 restitution may be performed through public or private organizations
12 or through work crews;

13 (5) "Community supervision" means an order of disposition by the
14 court of an adjudicated youth not committed to the department or an
15 order granting a deferred disposition. A community supervision order
16 for a single offense may be for a period of up to two years for a sex
17 offense as defined by RCW 9.94A.030 and up to one year for other
18 offenses. As a mandatory condition of any term of community
19 supervision, the court shall order the juvenile to refrain from
20 committing new offenses. As a mandatory condition of community
21 supervision, the court shall order the juvenile to comply with the
22 mandatory school attendance provisions of chapter 28A.225 RCW and to
23 inform the school of the existence of this requirement. Community
24 supervision is an individualized program comprised of one or more of
25 the following:

26 (a) Community-based sanctions;

27 (b) Community-based rehabilitation;

28 (c) Monitoring and reporting requirements;

29 (d) Posting of a probation bond;

30 (e) Residential treatment, where substance abuse, mental health,
31 and/or co-occurring disorders have been identified in an assessment
32 by a qualified mental health professional, psychologist,
33 psychiatrist, co-occurring disorder specialist, or substance use
34 disorder professional and a funded bed is available. If a child
35 agrees to voluntary placement in a state-funded long-term evaluation
36 and treatment facility, the case must follow the existing placement
37 procedure including consideration of less restrictive treatment
38 options and medical necessity.

39 (i) A court may order residential treatment after consideration
40 and findings regarding whether:

1 (A) The referral is necessary to rehabilitate the child;

2 (B) The referral is necessary to protect the public or the child;

3 (C) The referral is in the child's best interest;

4 (D) The child has been given the opportunity to engage in less
5 restrictive treatment and has been unable or unwilling to comply; and

6 (E) Inpatient treatment is the least restrictive action
7 consistent with the child's needs and circumstances.

8 (ii) In any case where a court orders a child to inpatient
9 treatment under this section, the court must hold a review hearing no
10 later than 60 days after the youth begins inpatient treatment, and
11 every 30 days thereafter, as long as the youth is in inpatient
12 treatment;

13 (6) "Community transition services" means a therapeutic and
14 supportive community-based custody option in which:

15 (a) A person serves a portion of their term of confinement
16 residing in the community, outside of department institutions and
17 community facilities;

18 (b) The department supervises the person in part through the use
19 of technology that is capable of determining or identifying the
20 monitored person's presence or absence at a particular location;

21 (c) The department provides access to developmentally
22 appropriate, trauma-informed, racial equity-based, and culturally
23 relevant programs to promote successful reentry; and

24 (d) The department prioritizes the delivery of available
25 programming from individuals who share characteristics with the
26 individual being served related to: Race, ethnicity, sexual identity,
27 and gender identity;

28 (7) "Confinement" means physical custody by the department of
29 children, youth, and families in a facility operated by or pursuant
30 to a contract with the state, or physical custody in a detention
31 facility operated by or pursuant to a contract with any county. The
32 county may operate or contract with vendors to operate county
33 detention facilities. The department may operate or contract to
34 operate detention facilities for juveniles committed to the
35 department. Pretrial confinement or confinement of less than 31 days
36 imposed as part of a disposition or modification order may be served
37 consecutively or intermittently, in the discretion of the court;

38 (8) "Court," when used without further qualification, means the
39 juvenile court judge(s) or commissioner(s);

1 (9) "Criminal history" includes all criminal complaints against
2 the respondent for which, prior to the commission of a current
3 offense:

4 (a) The allegations were found correct by a court. If a
5 respondent is convicted of two or more charges arising out of the
6 same course of conduct, only the highest charge from among these
7 shall count as an offense for the purposes of this chapter; or

8 (b) The criminal complaint was diverted by a prosecutor pursuant
9 to the provisions of this chapter on agreement of the respondent and
10 after an advisement to the respondent that the criminal complaint
11 would be considered as part of the respondent's criminal history. A
12 successfully completed deferred adjudication that was entered before
13 July 1, 1998, or a deferred disposition shall not be considered part
14 of the respondent's criminal history;

15 (10) "Custodial interrogation" means express questioning or other
16 actions or words by a law enforcement officer which are reasonably
17 likely to elicit an incriminating response from an individual and
18 occurs when reasonable individuals in the same circumstances would
19 consider themselves in custody;

20 (11) "Department" means the department of children, youth, and
21 families;

22 (12) "Detention facility" means a county facility, paid for by
23 the county, for the physical confinement of a juvenile alleged to
24 have committed an offense or an adjudicated offender subject to a
25 disposition or modification order. "Detention facility" includes
26 county group homes, inpatient substance abuse programs, juvenile
27 basic training camps, and electronic monitoring;

28 (13) "Diversion unit" means any probation counselor who enters
29 into a diversion agreement with an alleged youthful offender, or any
30 other person, community accountability board, youth court under the
31 supervision of the juvenile court, or other entity with whom the
32 juvenile court administrator has contracted to arrange and supervise
33 such agreements pursuant to RCW 13.40.080, or any person, community
34 accountability board, or other entity specially funded by the
35 legislature to arrange and supervise diversion agreements in
36 accordance with the requirements of this chapter. For purposes of
37 this subsection, "community accountability board" means a board
38 comprised of members of the local community in which the juvenile
39 offender resides. The superior court shall appoint the members. The
40 boards shall consist of at least three and not more than seven

1 members. If possible, the board should include a variety of
2 representatives from the community, such as a law enforcement
3 officer, teacher or school administrator, high school student,
4 parent, and business owner, and should represent the cultural
5 diversity of the local community;

6 (14) "Foster care" means temporary physical care in a foster
7 family home or group care facility as defined in RCW 74.15.020 and
8 licensed by the department, or other legally authorized care;

9 (15) "Institution" means a juvenile facility established pursuant
10 to chapters 72.05 and 72.16 through 72.20 RCW;

11 (16) "Intensive supervision program" means a parole program that
12 requires intensive supervision and monitoring, offers an array of
13 individualized treatment and transitional services, and emphasizes
14 community involvement and support in order to reduce the likelihood a
15 juvenile offender will commit further offenses;

16 (17) "Juvenile," "youth," and "child" mean any individual who is
17 under the chronological age of 18 years and who has not been
18 previously transferred to adult court pursuant to RCW 13.40.110,
19 unless the individual was convicted of a lesser charge or acquitted
20 of the charge for which he or she was previously transferred pursuant
21 to RCW 13.40.110 or who is not otherwise under adult court
22 jurisdiction;

23 (18) "Juvenile offender" means any juvenile who has been found by
24 the juvenile court to have committed an offense, including a person
25 18 years of age or older over whom the juvenile court has
26 jurisdiction under RCW 13.40.300;

27 (19) "Labor" means the period of time before a birth during which
28 contractions are of sufficient frequency, intensity, and duration to
29 bring about effacement and progressive dilation of the cervix;

30 (20) "Local sanctions" means one or more of the following: (a)
31 0-30 days of confinement; (b) 0-12 months of community supervision;
32 or (c) 0-150 hours of community restitution;

33 (21) "Manifest injustice" means a disposition that would either
34 impose an excessive penalty on the juvenile or would impose a
35 serious, and clear danger to society in light of the purposes of this
36 chapter;

37 (22) "Monitoring and reporting requirements" means one or more of
38 the following: Curfews; requirements to remain at home, school, work,
39 or court-ordered treatment programs during specified hours;
40 restrictions from leaving or entering specified geographical areas;

1 requirements to report to the probation officer as directed and to
2 remain under the probation officer's supervision; and other
3 conditions or limitations as the court may require which may not
4 include confinement;

5 (23) "Offense" means an act designated a violation or a crime if
6 committed by an adult under the law of this state, under any
7 ordinance of any city or county of this state, under any federal law,
8 or under the law of another state if the act occurred in that state;

9 (24) "Physical restraint" means the use of any bodily force or
10 physical intervention to control a juvenile offender or limit a
11 juvenile offender's freedom of movement in a way that does not
12 involve a mechanical restraint. Physical restraint does not include
13 momentary periods of minimal physical restriction by direct person-
14 to-person contact, without the aid of mechanical restraint,
15 accomplished with limited force and designed to:

16 (a) Prevent a juvenile offender from completing an act that would
17 result in potential bodily harm to self or others or damage property;

18 (b) Remove a disruptive juvenile offender who is unwilling to
19 leave the area voluntarily; or

20 (c) Guide a juvenile offender from one location to another;

21 (25) "Postpartum recovery" means (a) the entire period a woman or
22 youth is in the hospital, birthing center, or clinic after giving
23 birth and (b) an additional time period, if any, a treating physician
24 determines is necessary for healing after the youth leaves the
25 hospital, birthing center, or clinic;

26 (26) "Probation bond" means a bond, posted with sufficient
27 security by a surety justified and approved by the court, to secure
28 the offender's appearance at required court proceedings and
29 compliance with court-ordered community supervision or conditions of
30 release ordered pursuant to RCW 13.40.040 or 13.40.050. It also means
31 a deposit of cash or posting of other collateral in lieu of a bond if
32 approved by the court;

33 (27) "Respondent" means a juvenile who is alleged or proven to
34 have committed an offense;

35 (28) "Restitution" means financial reimbursement by the offender
36 to the victim, and shall be limited to easily ascertainable damages
37 for injury to or loss of property, actual expenses incurred for
38 medical treatment for physical injury to persons, lost wages
39 resulting from physical injury, and costs of the victim's counseling
40 reasonably related to the offense. Restitution shall not include

1 reimbursement for damages for mental anguish, pain and suffering, or
2 other intangible losses. Nothing in this chapter shall limit or
3 replace civil remedies or defenses available to the victim or
4 offender;

5 (29) "Restorative justice" means practices, policies, and
6 programs informed by and sensitive to the needs of crime victims that
7 are designed to encourage offenders to accept responsibility for
8 repairing the harm caused by their offense by providing safe and
9 supportive opportunities for voluntary participation and
10 communication between the victim, the offender, their families, and
11 relevant community members;

12 (30) "Restraints" means anything used to control the movement of
13 a person's body or limbs and includes:

14 (a) Physical restraint; or

15 (b) Mechanical device including but not limited to: Metal
16 handcuffs, plastic ties, ankle restraints, leather cuffs, other
17 hospital-type restraints, tasers, or batons;

18 (31) "Risk assessment tool" means the statistically valid tool
19 used by the department to inform release or placement decisions
20 related to security level, release within the sentencing range,
21 community facility eligibility, community transition services
22 eligibility, and parole. The "risk assessment tool" is used by the
23 department to predict the likelihood of successful reentry and future
24 criminal behavior;

25 (32) "Safe operational capacity" means the maximum number of
26 people that can reside in a juvenile rehabilitation institution
27 according to RCW 13.40.460(9) in order to safely provide treatment
28 aligned with juvenile justice standards;

29 (33) "Screening" means a process that is designed to identify a
30 child who is at risk of having mental health, substance abuse, or co-
31 occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders that warrant
32 immediate attention, intervention, or more comprehensive assessment.
33 A screening may be undertaken with or without the administration of a
34 formal instrument;

35 (~~(33)~~) (34) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department;

36 (~~(34)~~) (35) "Services" means services which provide
37 alternatives to incarceration for those juveniles who have pleaded or
38 been adjudicated guilty of an offense or have signed a diversion
39 agreement pursuant to this chapter;

1 (~~(35)~~) (36) "Sex offense" means an offense defined as a sex
2 offense in RCW 9.94A.030;

3 (~~(36)~~) (37) "Sexual motivation" means that one of the purposes
4 for which the respondent committed the offense was for the purpose of
5 the respondent's sexual gratification;

6 (~~(37)~~) (38) "Surety" means an entity licensed under state
7 insurance laws or by the state department of licensing, to write
8 corporate, property, or probation bonds within the state, and
9 justified and approved by the superior court of the county having
10 jurisdiction of the case;

11 (~~(38)~~) (39) "Transportation" means the conveying, by any means,
12 of an incarcerated pregnant youth from the institution or detention
13 facility to another location from the moment she leaves the
14 institution or detention facility to the time of arrival at the other
15 location, and includes the escorting of the pregnant incarcerated
16 youth from the institution or detention facility to a transport
17 vehicle and from the vehicle to the other location;

18 (~~(39)~~) (40) "Violation" means an act or omission, which if
19 committed by an adult, must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt, and
20 is punishable by sanctions which do not include incarceration;

21 (~~(40)~~) (41) "Violent offense" means a violent offense as
22 defined in RCW 9.94A.030;

23 (~~(41)~~) (42) "Youth court" means a diversion unit under the
24 supervision of the juvenile court.

25 **Sec. 2.** RCW 13.40.460 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 6 s 616 are each
26 amended to read as follows:

27 The secretary or the secretary's designee shall manage and
28 administer the department's juvenile rehabilitation responsibilities,
29 including but not limited to the operation of all state institutions
30 or facilities used for juvenile rehabilitation.

31 The secretary or the secretary's designee shall:

32 (1) Prepare a biennial budget request sufficient to meet the
33 confinement and rehabilitative needs of the juvenile rehabilitation
34 program, as forecast by the office of financial management;

35 (2) Create by rule a formal system for inmate classification.

36 This classification system shall consider:

37 (a) Public safety;

38 (b) Internal security and staff safety;

1 (c) Rehabilitative resources both within and outside the
2 department;

3 (d) An assessment of each offender's risk of sexually aggressive
4 behavior as provided in RCW 13.40.470; and

5 (e) An assessment of each offender's vulnerability to sexually
6 aggressive behavior as provided in RCW 13.40.470;

7 (3) Develop agreements with local jurisdictions to develop
8 regional facilities with a variety of custody levels;

9 (4) Adopt rules establishing effective disciplinary policies to
10 maintain order within institutions;

11 (5) Develop a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation process to be
12 used at intake, including but not limited to evaluation for substance
13 addiction or abuse, literacy, learning disabilities, fetal alcohol
14 syndrome or effect, attention deficit disorder, and mental health;

15 (6) Develop placement criteria:

16 (a) To avoid assigning youth who present a moderate or high risk
17 of sexually aggressive behavior to the same sleeping quarters as
18 youth assessed as vulnerable to sexual victimization under RCW
19 13.40.470(1)(c); and

20 (b) To avoid placing a juvenile offender on parole status who has
21 been assessed as a moderate to high risk for sexually aggressive
22 behavior in a department community residential program with another
23 child who is: (i) Dependent under chapter 13.34 RCW, or an at-risk
24 youth or child in need of services under chapter 13.32A RCW; and (ii)
25 not also a juvenile offender on parole status;

26 (7) Develop a plan to implement, by July 1, 1995:

27 (a) Substance abuse treatment programs for all state juvenile
28 rehabilitation facilities and institutions;

29 (b) Vocational education and instruction programs at all state
30 juvenile rehabilitation facilities and institutions; and

31 (c) An educational program to establish self-worth and
32 responsibility in juvenile offenders. This educational program shall
33 emphasize instruction in character-building principles such as:
34 Respect for self, others, and authority; victim awareness;
35 accountability; work ethics; good citizenship; and life skills;
36 ((and))

37 (8)(a) The department shall develop uniform policies related to
38 custodial assaults consistent with RCW 72.01.045 and 9A.36.100 that
39 are to be followed in all juvenile rehabilitation facilities; and

1 (b) The department will report assaults in accordance with the
2 policies developed in (a) of this subsection;

3 (9) Develop rules related to the safe operational capacity of
4 institutions and revise those rules as necessary. In developing the
5 maximum number of people placed in a juvenile rehabilitation
6 institution that constitute safe operating capacity for each
7 institution, the department must consider the following conditions:

8 (a) Single-occupancy rooms;

9 (b) 10 percent of facility beds reserved for intensive management
10 unit beds and for flexibility of movement of people placed in a
11 juvenile rehabilitation institution;

12 (c) Appropriate bathroom and shower ratio to people placed in a
13 juvenile rehabilitation institution;

14 (d) Adequate education space to ensure that all people placed in
15 a juvenile rehabilitation institution can maintain a full class
16 schedule; and

17 (e) Adequate indoor and outdoor recreation space to safely manage
18 population groups;

19 (10) Before a transfer occurs under section 6(3) of this act,
20 take action to reduce the population of any institution when the
21 secretary concludes that the population exceeds 110 percent of the
22 safe operational capacity. When taking action under this subsection,
23 the secretary may:

24 (a) Transfer a sufficient number of people from an institution to
25 community facilities to reduce the population. When placing a person
26 in a community facility under this subsection, the requirements of
27 RCW 72.05.420(1)(b) do not apply and the secretary must provide the
28 notice required under RCW 13.40.215(1)(a) and (b) no later than 14
29 days before transfer to a community facility;

30 (b) Transfer individuals from the institution where the
31 population exceeds 110 percent of the safe operational capacity to
32 another department of children, youth, and families institution where
33 the population does not exceed 110 percent of the safe operational
34 capacity if the transfer is appropriate based on the individual's age
35 and rehabilitation goals; and

36 (c) Release any person adjudicated of a juvenile offense who has
37 remained in confinement for at least the minimum number of weeks
38 provided for by the person's standard range determined under RCW
39 13.40.0357;

1 (11) Monitor the number of people residing at each institution
2 and, when that number reaches 90 percent of the safe operational
3 capacity, begin planning for methods to avoid exceeding the safe
4 operational capacity at each institution. The planning under this
5 subsection must include the following:

6 (a) Notifying individuals who may be released or transferred to
7 community facilities when the secretary concludes that the population
8 exceeds 110 percent of the safe operational capacity under subsection
9 (10) of this section;

10 (b) Discussing with the department of corrections potential
11 placements and housing within the department of corrections and
12 consideration for early release options before the person turns age
13 25 for individuals convicted in an adult court of offenses that
14 occurred before turning age 18;

15 (c) Notifying individuals who may be transferred to the
16 department of corrections when the secretary concludes that the
17 population exceeds 110 percent of the safe operational capacity under
18 section 6(3) of this act;

19 (d) Identifying who may be released by the department of
20 corrections under RCW 72.01.410(6);

21 (e) Reviewing the capacity of community facilities; and

22 (f) Notifying county courts that the population of an institution
23 or institutions has reached 90 percent of the safe operational
24 capacity; and

25 (12) Notify county courts when the population of an institution
26 or institutions has reached 110 percent of the safe operational
27 capacity such that a person who is convicted as an adult in the
28 courts of this state of a felony offense committed under the age of
29 18, and is committed for a term of confinement, may be placed
30 directly in the custody of the department of corrections as provided
31 in RCW 72.01.410(1).

32 **Sec. 3.** RCW 72.05.420 and 1998 c 269 s 10 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 (1) The department shall not initially place an offender in a
35 community facility unless:

36 (a) The department has conducted a risk assessment, including a
37 determination of drug and alcohol abuse, and the results indicate the
38 juvenile will pose not more than a minimum risk to public safety; and

1 (b) ((The)) Except as provided in RCW 13.40.460(10), the offender
2 has spent at least ((ten)) 10 percent of his or her sentence, but in
3 no event less than ((thirty)) 30 days, in a secure institution
4 operated by, or under contract with, the department.

5 The risk assessment must include consideration of all prior
6 convictions and all available nonconviction data released upon
7 request under RCW 10.97.050, and any serious infractions or serious
8 violations while under the jurisdiction of the secretary or the
9 courts.

10 (2) No juvenile offender may be placed in a community facility
11 until the juvenile's student records and information have been
12 received and the department has reviewed them in conjunction with all
13 other information used for risk assessment, security classification,
14 and placement of the juvenile.

15 (3) A juvenile offender shall not be placed in a community
16 facility until the department's risk assessment and security
17 classification is complete and local law enforcement has been
18 properly notified.

19 **Sec. 4.** RCW 13.40.215 and 2021 c 206 s 5 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 (1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section and
22 RCW 13.40.460(10), at the earliest practicable date, and in no event
23 later than ((thirty)) 30 days before discharge, parole, or any other
24 authorized leave or release, or before transfer to a community
25 residential facility or community transition services program, the
26 secretary shall send written notice of the discharge, parole,
27 authorized leave or release, or transfer of a juvenile found to have
28 committed a violent offense, a sex offense, or stalking, to the
29 following:

30 (i) The chief of police of the city, if any, in which the
31 juvenile will reside; and

32 (ii) The sheriff of the county in which the juvenile will reside.

33 (b)(i) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section and
34 RCW 13.40.460(10), at the earliest practicable date, and in no event
35 later than ((thirty)) 30 days before discharge, parole, or any other
36 authorized leave or release, or before transfer to a community
37 residential facility or community transition services program, the
38 secretary shall send written notice of the discharge, parole,
39 authorized leave or release, or transfer of an individual who is

1 found to have committed a violent offense or a sex offense, is
2 (~~twenty-one~~) 21 years of age or younger, and has not received a
3 high school diploma or its equivalent, to the designated recipient of
4 the school where the juvenile either: (A) Was enrolled prior to
5 incarceration or detention; or (B) has expressed an intention to
6 enroll following his or her release. This notice must also include
7 the restrictions described in subsection (5) of this section.

8 (ii) (~~The~~) Except as provided in RCW 13.40.460(10), the
9 community residential facility shall provide written notice of the
10 offender's criminal history to the designated recipient of any school
11 that the offender attends while residing at the community residential
12 facility and to any employer that employs the offender while residing
13 at the community residential facility.

14 (iii) As used in this subsection, "designated recipient" means:
15 (A) The superintendent of the school district, or his or her
16 designee, of a common school as defined in RCW 28A.150.020 or a
17 school that is the subject of a state-tribal education compact under
18 chapter 28A.715 RCW; (B) the administrator of a charter public school
19 governed by chapter 28A.710 RCW; or (C) the administrator of a
20 private school approved under chapter 28A.195 RCW.

21 (c) The same notice as required by (a) of this subsection shall
22 be sent to the following, if such notice has been requested in
23 writing about a specific juvenile:

24 (i) The victim of the offense for which the juvenile was found to
25 have committed or the victim's next of kin if the crime was a
26 homicide;

27 (ii) Any witnesses who testified against the juvenile in any
28 court proceedings involving the offense; and

29 (iii) Any person specified in writing by the prosecuting
30 attorney.

31 Information regarding victims, next of kin, or witnesses requesting
32 the notice, information regarding any other person specified in
33 writing by the prosecuting attorney to receive the notice, and the
34 notice are confidential and shall not be available to the juvenile.
35 The notice to the chief of police or the sheriff shall include the
36 identity of the juvenile, the residence where the juvenile will
37 reside, the identity of the person, if any, responsible for
38 supervising the juvenile, and the time period of any authorized
39 leave.

1 (d) The (~~thirty~~) 30-day notice requirements contained in this
2 subsection shall not apply to emergency medical furloughs.

3 (e) The existence of the notice requirements in this subsection
4 will not require any extension of the release date in the event the
5 release plan changes after notification.

6 (2)(a) If a juvenile found to have committed a violent offense, a
7 sex offense, or stalking escapes from a facility of the department,
8 the secretary shall immediately notify, by the most reasonable and
9 expedient means available, the chief of police of the city and the
10 sheriff of the county in which the juvenile resided immediately
11 before the juvenile's arrest. If previously requested, the secretary
12 shall also notify the witnesses and the victim of the offense which
13 the juvenile was found to have committed or the victim's next of kin
14 if the crime was a homicide. If the juvenile is recaptured, the
15 secretary shall send notice to the persons designated in this
16 subsection as soon as possible but in no event later than two working
17 days after the department learns of such recapture.

18 (b) The secretary may authorize a leave, for a juvenile found to
19 have committed a violent offense, a sex offense, or stalking, which
20 shall not exceed (~~forty-eight~~) 48 hours plus travel time, to meet
21 an emergency situation such as a death or critical illness of a
22 member of the juvenile's family. The secretary may authorize a leave,
23 which shall not exceed the time medically necessary, to obtain
24 medical care not available in a juvenile facility maintained by the
25 department. Prior to the commencement of an emergency or medical
26 leave, the secretary shall give notice of the leave to the
27 appropriate law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction in which the
28 juvenile will be during the leave period. The notice shall include
29 the identity of the juvenile, the time period of the leave, the
30 residence of the juvenile during the leave, and the identity of the
31 person responsible for supervising the juvenile during the leave. If
32 previously requested, the department shall also notify the witnesses
33 and victim of the offense which the juvenile was found to have
34 committed or the victim's next of kin if the offense was a homicide.

35 In case of an emergency or medical leave the secretary may waive
36 all or any portion of the requirements for leaves pursuant to RCW
37 13.40.205 (2)(a), (3), (4), and (5).

38 (3) If the victim, the victim's next of kin, or any witness is
39 under the age of (~~sixteen~~) 16, the notice required by this section
40 shall be sent to the parents or legal guardian of the child.

1 (4) The secretary shall send the notices required by this chapter
2 to the last address provided to the department by the requesting
3 party. The requesting party shall furnish the department with a
4 current address.

5 (5) Upon discharge, parole, transfer to a community residential
6 facility, or other authorized leave or release, a convicted juvenile
7 sex offender shall not attend a public or approved private
8 elementary, middle, or high school that is attended by a victim or a
9 sibling of a victim of the sex offender. The parents or legal
10 guardians of the convicted juvenile sex offender shall be responsible
11 for transportation or other costs associated with or required by the
12 sex offender's change in school that otherwise would be paid by a
13 school district.

14 (6) For purposes of this section the following terms have the
15 following meanings:

16 (a) "Violent offense" means a violent offense under RCW
17 9.94A.030;

18 (b) "Sex offense" means a sex offense under RCW 9.94A.030;

19 (c) "Stalking" means the crime of stalking as defined in RCW
20 9A.46.110;

21 (d) "Next of kin" means a person's spouse, parents, siblings, and
22 children.

23 **Sec. 5.** RCW 72.01.410 and 2019 c 322 s 2 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 (1) Whenever any person is convicted as an adult in the courts of
26 this state of a felony offense committed under the age of
27 (~~eighteen~~) 18, and is committed for a term of confinement, that
28 person shall be initially placed in a facility operated by the
29 department of children, youth, and families unless the facility in
30 which they are to be placed is at or above 110 percent of the safe
31 operational capacity as described in RCW 13.40.460(9) and the person
32 is over the age of 21 at the time of placement with an earned release
33 date after the age of 26. These individuals who are not placed in a
34 department of children, youth, and families facility must be notified
35 upon placement in a department of corrections facility of the ability
36 to request transfer according to this subsection and notified when
37 the population of the department of children, youth, and families
38 facility where they would have been placed is below 95 percent of the
39 safe operational capacity as described in RCW 13.40.460(9) and there

1 is more than one year remaining on the person's sentence that would
2 be served in the department of children, youth, and families facility
3 and given the option to request a transfer to a department of
4 children, youth, and families facility. A person who is eligible for
5 transfer to a department of children, youth, and families facility
6 under this subsection has the right to counsel and the review board
7 established under RCW 13.40.280 will determine whether a person's
8 transfer request under this subsection will occur. The department of
9 corrections shall determine the person's earned release date.

10 (a) While in the custody of the department of children, youth,
11 and families, the person must have the same treatment, housing
12 options, (~~(transfer,)~~) and access to program resources as any other
13 person committed to that juvenile correctional facility or
14 institution pursuant to chapter 13.40 RCW. Except as provided under
15 (~~((d) of this))~~ subsection (3) of this section, treatment, placement,
16 and program decisions shall be at the sole discretion of the
17 department of children, youth, and families. (~~(The person shall not~~
18 ~~be transferred to the custody of the department of corrections~~
19 ~~without the approval of the department of children, youth, and~~
20 ~~families until the person reaches the age of twenty-five.)~~)

21 (b) If the person's sentence includes a term of community
22 custody, the department of children, youth, and families shall not
23 release the person to community custody until the department of
24 corrections has approved the person's release plan pursuant to RCW
25 9.94A.729(5)(b). If a person is held past his or her earned release
26 date pending release plan approval, the department of children,
27 youth, and families shall retain custody until a plan is approved or
28 the person completes the ordered term of confinement prior to age
29 (~~(twenty-five))~~ 25.

30 (~~((c) If the department of children, youth, and families~~
31 ~~determines that retaining custody of the person in a facility of the~~
32 ~~department of children, youth, and families presents a significant~~
33 ~~safety risk, the department of children, youth, and families may~~
34 ~~transfer the person to the custody of the department of corrections.~~

35 ~~(d))~~ (2) The department of children, youth, and families may not
36 transfer a person placed in a facility operated by the department of
37 children, youth, and families under this section to the custody of
38 the department of corrections until the person reaches the age of 25,
39 unless otherwise provided under section 6 of this act.

1 (3) The department of corrections must retain authority over
2 custody decisions relating to a person whose earned release date is
3 on or after the person's (~~(twenty-fifth)~~) 25th birthday and who is
4 placed in a facility operated by the department of children, youth,
5 and families under this section, unless the person qualifies for
6 partial confinement under RCW 72.01.412, and must approve any leave
7 from the facility. When the person turns age (~~(twenty-five)~~) 25, he
8 or she must be transferred to the department of corrections, except
9 as described under RCW 72.01.412. The department of children, youth,
10 and families has all routine and day-to-day operations authority for
11 the person while the person is in its custody.

12 (~~(+2)~~) (4)(a) Except as provided in (b) and (c) of this
13 subsection, a person under the age of (~~(eighteen)~~) 18 who is
14 transferred to the custody of the department of corrections must be
15 placed in a housing unit, or a portion of a housing unit, that is
16 separated from other persons in custody who are (~~(eighteen)~~) 18 years
17 of age or older, until the person reaches the age of (~~(eighteen)~~) 18.

18 (b) A person who is transferred to the custody of the department
19 of corrections and reaches (~~(eighteen)~~) 18 years of age may remain in
20 a housing unit for persons under the age of (~~(eighteen)~~) 18 if the
21 secretary of corrections determines that: (i) The person's needs and
22 the rehabilitation goals for the person could continue to be better
23 met by the programs and housing environment that is separate from
24 other persons in custody who are (~~(eighteen)~~) 18 years of age and
25 older; and (ii) the programs or housing environment for persons under
26 the age of (~~(eighteen)~~) 18 will not be substantially affected by the
27 continued placement of the person in that environment. The person may
28 remain placed in a housing unit for persons under the age of
29 (~~(eighteen)~~) 18 until such time as the secretary of corrections
30 determines that the person's needs and goals are no longer better met
31 in that environment but in no case past the person's (~~(twenty-fifth)~~)
32 25th birthday.

33 (c) A person transferred to the custody of the department of
34 corrections who is under the age of (~~(eighteen)~~) 18 may be housed in
35 an intensive management unit or administrative segregation unit
36 containing offenders (~~(eighteen)~~) 18 years of age or older if it is
37 necessary for the safety or security of the offender or staff. In
38 these cases, the offender must be kept physically separate from other
39 offenders at all times.

1 ~~((3) The department of children, youth, and families must review~~
2 ~~the placement of a person over age twenty-one in the custody of the~~
3 ~~department of children, youth, and families under this section to~~
4 ~~determine whether the person should be transferred to the custody of~~
5 ~~the department of corrections. The department of children, youth, and~~
6 ~~families may determine the frequency of the review required under~~
7 ~~this subsection, but the review must occur at least once before the~~
8 ~~person reaches age twenty-three if the person's commitment period in~~
9 ~~a juvenile institution extends beyond the person's twenty-third~~
10 ~~birthday))~~ (5) The department of children, youth, and families shall
11 review the placement of persons who will remain in the custody of the
12 department of children, youth, and families beyond age 21 under this
13 section to provide information to individuals regarding voluntary
14 transfer to the custody of the department of corrections under
15 section 6 of this act based on considerations of the person's
16 treatment needs, goals, future plans, length of confinement,
17 classification, and current behavior.

18 (a) The department of children, youth, and families may determine
19 the frequency of the review required under this subsection, but the
20 review must occur at least once before the person turns age 21 or as
21 soon as possible following the placement of someone age 21 or older
22 and a review must be provided if requested by a person in the custody
23 of the department of children, youth, and families.

24 (b) At the review required under this subsection, the department
25 of children, youth, and families and the department of corrections
26 must provide information to the person on all available placement
27 options and availability, and a person's specific eligibility for
28 placement.

29 (6) A person in the custody of the department of children, youth,
30 and families under this section is eligible to be released by the
31 department of corrections if:

32 (a) The person's earned release date is within six months after
33 the person's 26th birthday;

34 (b) The person has not been deemed a high risk to reoffend; and

35 (c) The person has not committed any serious infractions as
36 defined by the internal behavioral management infraction system of
37 the department of children, youth, and families.

38 (7) Subject to funding appropriated for this specific purpose,
39 the department shall submit an annual report to the legislature and
40 the governor, in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, that provides:

1 (a) The number of transfers that occurred under this section in
2 the last year that includes the reason for each transfer and the age
3 of the person transferred;

4 (b) Which department of corrections facilities people were
5 transferred to under this section; and

6 (c) Outcome information for transfer hearings established under
7 RCW 13.40.280.

8 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 72.01
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 The department of children, youth, and families may not transfer
11 a person placed in a facility operated by the department of children,
12 youth, and families under this section to the custody of the
13 department of corrections until the person reaches the age of 25,
14 unless one of the following exceptions apply:

15 (1) If the department of children, youth, and families
16 establishes before a review board established under RCW 13.40.280
17 that continued placement of the person in a facility of the
18 department of children, youth, and families presents a significant
19 safety risk to other people in the facility, the department of
20 children, youth, and families may transfer the person to the custody
21 of the department of corrections;

22 (2) Any person who is at least 18 years old may request to be
23 transferred to the custody of the department of corrections and must
24 have access to counsel to review this decision. The voluntary
25 transfer may not occur until at least one week following the person's
26 meeting with counsel, and the person may request that a review board
27 established under RCW 13.40.280 review the voluntary transfer
28 decision to determine whether the person is making a knowing,
29 voluntary, and willing transfer. The department of children, youth,
30 and families shall coordinate with the department of corrections to
31 transfer any person that makes a transfer request under this
32 subsection. The department of corrections shall place individuals who
33 voluntarily transfer to their custody under this subsection directly
34 into any placement that is agreed to by the department of corrections
35 without first placing the individual in a facility designed for
36 classification. Transfers that occur under this subsection may not
37 occur until a department of corrections classification has been
38 established and placement eligibility has been confirmed; and

1 (3) (a) Until July 1, 2031, after taking the steps outlined in RCW
2 13.40.460(10) to release or transfer individuals to community
3 facilities and after exhausting other available transfer options, if
4 the population of the juvenile rehabilitation institution exceeds 110
5 percent of the safe operational capacity as described in RCW
6 13.40.460(9), the secretary of the department of children, youth, and
7 families may identify a sufficient number of persons who are placed
8 in a facility operated by the department of children, youth, and
9 families under this section that must transfer to the custody of the
10 department of corrections in order to reduce the population of the
11 facility to a safe operational capacity, and the review board
12 established under RCW 13.40.280 will determine whether the conditions
13 outlined in this subsection apply. When considering whether a
14 transfer under this subsection must occur, the review board
15 established under RCW 13.40.280 must consider whether the transfer is
16 necessary to reduce the population of the juvenile rehabilitation
17 institution or whether the department of children, youth, and
18 families may take less restrictive steps to reduce the population.

19 (b) In determining which persons to transfer under this
20 subsection (3), the department of children, youth, and families
21 shall:

22 (i) Prioritize transfer of the oldest individuals who have the
23 longest terms of confinement that will be served in the custody of
24 the department of corrections after their 25th birthday; and

25 (ii) Take steps to avoid the transfer of individuals for whom a
26 transfer would disrupt substantive progress or near completion of
27 rehabilitative, educational, or treatment goals.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** If specific funding for the purposes of
29 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
30 provided by June 30, 2025, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
31 act is null and void.

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