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## HOUSE BILL 1220

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to punishment for domestic violence offenders;
- 2 amending RCW 9.94A.525; reenacting and amending RCW 9.94A.030 and
- 3 9.94A.535; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature recognizes the substantial 6 and great impact upon society, families, children, and the victims of offenses occurring between cohabitants. The legislature recognizes the continuing nature of domestic violence, and the lasting psychological 8 9 trauma caused by such violence. The legislature finds that the 10 prevention of domestic violence, and the proper punishment for such 11 offenses, is a compelling state interest that has not been under current sentencing provisions. Toward this end, this act is necessary 12 13 to ensure that domestic violence offenders are punished accordingly and 14 that an end to domestic violence can be achieved.
- 15 Sec. 2. RCW 9.94A.030 and 2008 c 276 s 309, 2008 c 231 s 23, 2008
- 16 c 230 s 2, and 2008 c 7 s 1 are each reenacted and amended to read as
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1 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in 2 this section apply throughout this chapter.

- (1) "Board" means the indeterminate sentence review board created under chapter 9.95 RCW.
- (2) "Collect," or any derivative thereof, "collect and remit," or "collect and deliver," when used with reference to the department, means that the department, either directly or through a collection agreement authorized by RCW 9.94A.760, is responsible for monitoring and enforcing the offender's sentence with regard to the legal financial obligation, receiving payment thereof from the offender, and, consistent with current law, delivering daily the entire payment to the superior court clerk without depositing it in a departmental account.
  - (3) "Commission" means the sentencing guidelines commission.
- (4) "Community corrections officer" means an employee of the department who is responsible for carrying out specific duties in supervision of sentenced offenders and monitoring of sentence conditions.
- (5) "Community custody" means that portion of an offender's sentence of confinement in lieu of earned release time or imposed as part of a sentence and served in the community subject to controls placed on the offender's movement and activities by the department.
- (6) "Community custody range" means the minimum and maximum period of community custody included as part of a sentence under RCW ((9.94A.715)) 9.94A.701, as established by the commission or the legislature under RCW 9.94A.850.
- (7) "Community protection zone" means the area within eight hundred eighty feet of the facilities and grounds of a public or private school.
- (8) "Community restitution" means compulsory service, without compensation, performed for the benefit of the community by the offender.
  - (9) "Confinement" means total or partial confinement.
  - (10) "Conviction" means an adjudication of guilt pursuant to Title(s)) 10 or 13 RCW and includes a verdict of guilty, a finding of guilty, and acceptance of a plea of guilty.
- (11) "Crime-related prohibition" means an order of a court prohibiting conduct that directly relates to the circumstances of the crime for which the offender has been convicted, and shall not be

construed to mean orders directing an offender affirmatively to participate in rehabilitative programs or to otherwise perform affirmative conduct. However, affirmative acts necessary to monitor compliance with the order of a court may be required by the department.

- (12) "Criminal history" means the list of a defendant's prior convictions and juvenile adjudications, whether in this state, in federal court, or elsewhere.
- (a) The history shall include, where known, for each conviction (i) whether the defendant has been placed on probation and the length and terms thereof; and (ii) whether the defendant has been incarcerated and the length of incarceration.
- (b) A conviction may be removed from a defendant's criminal history only if it is vacated pursuant to RCW 9.96.060, 9.94A.640, 9.95.240, or a similar out-of-state statute, or if the conviction has been vacated pursuant to a governor's pardon.
- (c) The determination of a defendant's criminal history is distinct from the determination of an offender score. A prior conviction that was not included in an offender score calculated pursuant to a former version of the sentencing reform act remains part of the defendant's criminal history.
- (13) "Criminal street gang" means any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, having a common name or common identifying sign or symbol, having as one of its primary activities the commission of criminal acts, and whose members or associates individually or collectively engage in or have engaged in a pattern of criminal street gang activity. This definition does not apply to employees engaged in concerted activities for their mutual aid and protection, or to the activities of labor and bona fide nonprofit organizations or their members or agents.
- (14) "Criminal street gang associate or member" means any person who actively participates in any criminal street gang and who intentionally promotes, furthers, or assists in any criminal act by the criminal street gang.
- (15) "Criminal street gang-related offense" means any felony or misdemeanor offense, whether in this state or elsewhere, that is committed for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association

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with any criminal street gang, or is committed with the intent to promote, further, or assist in any criminal conduct by the gang, or is committed for one or more of the following reasons:

- (a) To gain admission, prestige, or promotion within the gang;
- (b) To increase or maintain the gang's size, membership, prestige, dominance, or control in any geographical area;
- (c) To exact revenge or retribution for the gang or any member of the gang;
- (d) To obstruct justice, or intimidate or eliminate any witness against the gang or any member of the gang;
- (e) To directly or indirectly cause any benefit, aggrandizement, gain, profit, or other advantage for the gang, its reputation, influence, or membership; or
- (f) To provide the gang with any advantage in, or any control or dominance over any criminal market sector, including, but not limited to, manufacturing, delivering, or selling any controlled substance (chapter 69.50 RCW); arson (chapter 9A.48 RCW); trafficking in stolen property (chapter 9A.82 RCW); promoting prostitution (chapter 9A.88 RCW); human trafficking (RCW 9A.40.100); or promoting pornography (chapter 9.68 RCW).
- (16) "Day fine" means a fine imposed by the sentencing court that equals the difference between the offender's net daily income and the reasonable obligations that the offender has for the support of the offender and any dependents.
- (17) "Day reporting" means a program of enhanced supervision designed to monitor the offender's daily activities and compliance with sentence conditions, and in which the offender is required to report daily to a specific location designated by the department or the sentencing court.
  - (18) "Department" means the department of corrections.
- (19) "Determinate sentence" means a sentence that states with exactitude the number of actual years, months, or days of total confinement, of partial confinement, of community custody, the number of actual hours or days of community restitution work, or dollars or terms of a legal financial obligation. The fact that an offender through earned release can reduce the actual period of confinement shall not affect the classification of the sentence as a determinate sentence.

- (20) "Disposable earnings" means that part of the earnings of an offender remaining after the deduction from those earnings of any amount required by law to be withheld. For the purposes of this definition, "earnings" means compensation paid or payable for personal services, whether denominated as wages, salary, commission, bonuses, or otherwise, and, notwithstanding any other provision of law making the payments exempt from garnishment, attachment, or other process to satisfy a court-ordered legal financial obligation, specifically includes periodic payments pursuant to pension or retirement programs, or insurance policies of any type, but does not include payments made under Title 50 RCW, except as provided in RCW 50.40.020 and 50.40.050, or Title 74 RCW.
- 13 (21) "Domestic violence" has the same meaning as defined in RCW 14 10.99.020(5) and 26.50.010.
- 15 (22) "Drug offender sentencing alternative" is a sentencing option 16 available to persons convicted of a felony offense other than a violent 17 offense or a sex offense and who are eligible for the option under RCW 18 9.94A.660.
- $((\frac{(22)}{23}))$  "Drug offense" means:

- (a) Any felony violation of chapter 69.50 RCW except possession of a controlled substance (RCW 69.50.4013) or forged prescription for a controlled substance (RCW 69.50.403);
- (b) Any offense defined as a felony under federal law that relates to the possession, manufacture, distribution, or transportation of a controlled substance; or
- (c) Any out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as a drug offense under (a) of this subsection.
- $((\frac{(23)}{)})$  "Earned release" means earned release from 30 confinement as provided in RCW 9.94A.728.
- $((\frac{24}{24}))$  <u>(25)</u> "Escape" means:
- (a) Sexually violent predator escape (RCW 9A.76.115), escape in the first degree (RCW 9A.76.110), escape in the second degree (RCW 9A.76.120), willful failure to return from furlough (RCW 72.66.060), willful failure to return from work release (RCW 72.65.070), or willful failure to be available for supervision by the department while in community custody (RCW 72.09.310); or

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(b) Any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as an escape under (a) of this subsection.

 $((\frac{25}{25}))$  (26) "Felony traffic offense" means:

- (a) Vehicular homicide (RCW 46.61.520), vehicular assault (RCW 46.61.522), eluding a police officer (RCW 46.61.024), felony hit-and-run injury-accident (RCW 46.52.020(4)), felony driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug (RCW 46.61.502(6)), or felony physical control of a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug (RCW 46.61.504(6)); or
- (b) Any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as a felony traffic offense under (a) of this subsection.
- $((\frac{(26)}{)})$  <u>(27)</u> "Fine" means a specific sum of money ordered by the sentencing court to be paid by the offender to the court over a specific period of time.
- (((27))) (28) "First-time offender" means any person who has no prior convictions for a felony and is eligible for the first-time offender waiver under RCW 9.94A.650.
- $((\frac{(28)}{)})$  <u>(29)</u> "Home detention" means a program of partial confinement available to offenders wherein the offender is confined in a private residence subject to electronic surveillance.
- ((\(\frac{(29\)}\))) (30) "Legal financial obligation" means a sum of money that is ordered by a superior court of the state of Washington for legal financial obligations which may include restitution to the victim, statutorily imposed crime victims' compensation fees as assessed pursuant to RCW 7.68.035, court costs, county or interlocal drug funds, court-appointed attorneys' fees, and costs of defense, fines, and any other financial obligation that is assessed to the offender as a result of a felony conviction. Upon conviction for vehicular assault while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug, RCW 46.61.522(1)(b), or vehicular homicide while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug, RCW 46.61.520(1)(a), legal financial obligations may also include payment to a public agency of the expense of an emergency response to the incident resulting in the conviction, subject to RCW 38.52.430.
- $((\frac{30}{30}))$  Most serious offense" means any of the following felonies:

- 1 (a) Any felony defined under any law as a class A felony or 2 criminal solicitation of or criminal conspiracy to commit a class A felony;
  - (b) Assault in the second degree;
- 5 (c) Assault of a child in the second degree;
- 6 (d) Child molestation in the second degree;
- 7 (e) Controlled substance homicide;
- 8 (f) Extortion in the first degree;
- 9 (g) Incest when committed against a child under age fourteen;
- 10 (h) Indecent liberties;

- 11 (i) Kidnapping in the second degree;
- 12 (j) Leading organized crime;
- 13 (k) Manslaughter in the first degree;
- 14 (1) Manslaughter in the second degree;
- 15 (m) Promoting prostitution in the first degree;
- 16 (n) Rape in the third degree;
- 17 (o) Robbery in the second degree;
- 18 (p) Sexual exploitation;
- (q) Vehicular assault, when caused by the operation or driving of a vehicle by a person while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug or by the operation or driving of a vehicle in a reckless manner;
- (r) Vehicular homicide, when proximately caused by the driving of any vehicle by any person while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug as defined by RCW 46.61.502, or by the operation of any vehicle in a reckless manner;
- 27 (s) Any other class B felony offense with a finding of sexual 28 motivation;
- 29 (t) Any other felony with a deadly weapon verdict under RCW 30 9.94A.602;
- 31 (u) Any felony offense in effect at any time prior to December 2, 32 1993, that is comparable to a most serious offense under this 33 subsection, or any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense 34 that under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as a 35 most serious offense under this subsection;
- (v)(i) A prior conviction for indecent liberties under RCW 9A.88.100(1) (a), (b), and (c), chapter 260, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess.

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as it existed until July 1, 1979, RCW 9A.44.100(1) (a), (b), and (c) as it existed from July 1, 1979, until June 11, 1986, and RCW 9A.44.100(1) (a), (b), and (d) as it existed from June 11, 1986, until July 1, 1988; A prior conviction for indecent liberties under RCW 9A.44.100(1)(c) as it existed from June 11, 1986, until July 1, 1988, (A) The crime was committed against a child under the age of fourteen; or (B) the relationship between the victim and perpetrator is in the definition of included indecent liberties under 9A.44.100(1)(c) as it existed from July 1, 1988, through July 27, 1997, 

(w) Any out-of-state conviction for a felony offense with a finding of sexual motivation if the minimum sentence imposed was ten years or more; provided that the out-of-state felony offense must be comparable to a felony offense under Title 9 or 9A RCW and the out-of-state definition of sexual motivation must be comparable to the definition of sexual motivation contained in this section.

or RCW 9A.44.100(1) (d) or (e) as it existed from July 25, 1993,

(((31))) (32) "Nonviolent offense" means an offense which is not a violent offense.

((\(\frac{(32)}{)}\)) (33) "Offender" means a person who has committed a felony established by state law and is eighteen years of age or older or is less than eighteen years of age but whose case is under superior court jurisdiction under RCW 13.04.030 or has been transferred by the appropriate juvenile court to a criminal court pursuant to RCW 13.40.110. Throughout this chapter, the terms "offender" and "defendant" are used interchangeably.

((<del>(33)</del>)) (<u>34)</u> "Partial confinement" means confinement for no more than one year in a facility or institution operated or utilized under contract by the state or any other unit of government, or, if home detention or work crew has been ordered by the court, in an approved residence, for a substantial portion of each day with the balance of the day spent in the community. Partial confinement includes work release, home detention, work crew, and a combination of work crew and home detention.

(((34))) (35) "Pattern of criminal street gang activity" means:

(a) The commission, attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation of, or any prior juvenile adjudication of or adult conviction of, two or more of the following criminal street gang-related offenses:

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(i) Any "serious violent" felony offense as defined in RCW
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     9.94A.030, excluding Homicide by Abuse (RCW 9A.32.055) and Assault of
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     a Child 1 (RCW 9A.36.120);
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         (ii) Any "violent" offense as defined by RCW 9.94A.030, excluding
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         (iii) Deliver or Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled
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         (iv) Any violation of the firearms and dangerous weapon act
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         (v) Theft of a Firearm (RCW 9A.56.300);
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         (vi) Possession of a Stolen Firearm (RCW 9A.56.310);
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         (vii) Malicious Harassment (RCW 9A.36.080);
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         (viii) Harassment where a subsequent violation or deadly threat is
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         (ix) Criminal Gang Intimidation (RCW 9A.46.120);
         (x) Any felony conviction by a person eighteen years of age or
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     older with a special finding of involving a juvenile in a felony
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         (xi) Residential Burglary (RCW 9A.52.025);
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         (xii) Burglary 2 (RCW 9A.52.030);
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         (xiii) Malicious Mischief 1 (RCW 9A.48.070);
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         (xiv) Malicious Mischief 2 (RCW 9A.48.080);
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         (xv) Theft of a Motor Vehicle (RCW 9A.56.065);
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         (xvi) Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle (RCW 9A.56.068);
         (xvii) Taking a Motor Vehicle Without Permission 1 (RCW 9A.56.070);
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         (xxi) Intimidating a Witness (RCW 9A.72.110);
         (xxii) Tampering with a Witness (RCW 9A.72.120);
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         (xxiii) Reckless Endangerment (RCW 9A.36.050);
         (xxiv) Coercion (RCW 9A.36.070);
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         (xxv) Harassment (RCW 9A.46.020); or
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         (xxvi) Malicious Mischief 3 (RCW 9A.48.090);
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         (b) That at least one of the offenses listed in (a) of this
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subsection shall have occurred after July 1, 2008;

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- (c) That the most recent committed offense listed in (a) of this subsection occurred within three years of a prior offense listed in (a) of this subsection; and
- (d) Of the offenses that were committed in (a) of this subsection, the offenses occurred on separate occasions or were committed by two or more persons.
  - $((\frac{35}{1}))$  (36) "Persistent offender" is an offender who:

- (a)(i) Has been convicted in this state of any felony considered a most serious offense; and
- (ii) Has, before the commission of the offense under (a) of this subsection, been convicted as an offender on at least two separate occasions, whether in this state or elsewhere, of felonies that under the laws of this state would be considered most serious offenses and would be included in the offender score under RCW 9.94A.525; provided that of the two or more previous convictions, at least one conviction must have occurred before the commission of any of the other most serious offenses for which the offender was previously convicted; or
- (b)(i) Has been convicted of: (A) Rape in the first degree, rape of a child in the first degree, child molestation in the first degree, rape in the second degree, rape of a child in the second degree, or indecent liberties by forcible compulsion; (B) any of the following offenses with a finding of sexual motivation: Murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, homicide by abuse, kidnapping in the first degree, kidnapping in the second degree, assault in the first degree, assault in the second degree, assault of a child in the first degree, assault of a child in the second degree, or burglary in the first degree; or (C) an attempt to commit any crime listed in this subsection  $((\frac{(35)}{}))$  (36)(b)(i); and
- (ii) Has, before the commission of the offense under (b)(i) of this subsection, been convicted as an offender on at least one occasion, whether in this state or elsewhere, of an offense listed in (b)(i) of this subsection or any federal or out-of-state offense or offense under prior Washington law that is comparable to the offenses listed in (b)(i) of this subsection. A conviction for rape of a child in the first degree constitutes a conviction under (b)(i) of this subsection only when the offender was sixteen years of age or older when the offender committed the offense. A conviction for rape of a child in

the second degree constitutes a conviction under (b)(i) of this subsection only when the offender was eighteen years of age or older when the offender committed the offense.

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(((36))) (37) "Predatory" means: (a) The perpetrator of the crime was a stranger to the victim, as defined in this section; (b) the perpetrator established or promoted a relationship with the victim prior to the offense and the victimization of the victim was a significant reason the perpetrator established or promoted the relationship; or (c) the perpetrator was: (i) A teacher, counselor, volunteer, or other person in authority in any public or private school and the victim was a student of the school under his or her authority or supervision. For purposes of this subsection, "school" does not include home-based instruction as defined in RCW 28A.225.010; (ii) a coach, trainer, volunteer, or other person in authority in any recreational activity and the victim was a participant in the activity under his or her authority or supervision; or (iii) a pastor, elder, volunteer, or other person in authority in any church or religious organization, and the victim was a member or participant of the organization under his or her authority.

20  $((\frac{37}{1}))$   $\underline{(38)}$  "Private school" means a school regulated under chapter 28A.195 or 28A.205 RCW.

22  $((\frac{38}{39}))$  "Public school" has the same meaning as in RCW 23 28A.150.010.

(((39))) (40) "Restitution" means a specific sum of money ordered by the sentencing court to be paid by the offender to the court over a specified period of time as payment of damages. The sum may include both public and private costs.

((\(\frac{40}{10}\))) (\(\frac{41}{1}\)] "Risk assessment" means the application of an objective instrument supported by research and adopted by the department for the purpose of assessing an offender's risk of reoffense, taking into consideration the nature of the harm done by the offender, place and circumstances of the offender related to risk, the offender's relationship to any victim, and any information provided to the department by victims. The results of a risk assessment shall not be based on unconfirmed or unconfirmable allegations.

((<del>(41)</del>)) (42) "Serious domestic violence offense" means:

(a)(i) Nonfelony domestic violence assault (RCW 9A.36.041);

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- (ii) Nonfelony domestic violence violation of a court order (no contact order under chapter 10.99 RCW or domestic violence protection order issued under chapter 26.09, 26.10, 26.26, or 26.50 RCW);
  - (iii) Nonfelony domestic violence harassment (RCW 9A.46.020); or
- 5 (iv) Nonfelony domestic violence stalking (RCW 9A.46.110); or
- (b) Any federal, out-of-state, tribal court, military, county, or municipal conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be classified as a serious domestic violence offense under (a) of this subsection.
  - (43) "Serious traffic offense" means:
- 11 (a) Nonfelony driving while under the influence of intoxicating 12 liquor or any drug (RCW 46.61.502), nonfelony actual physical control 13 while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug (RCW 14 46.61.504), reckless driving (RCW 46.61.500), or hit-and-run an 15 attended vehicle (RCW 46.52.020(5)); or
  - (b) Any federal, out-of-state, county, or municipal conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be classified as a serious traffic offense under (a) of this subsection.
- 19  $((\frac{42}{12}))$  (44) "Serious violent offense" is a subcategory of violent 20 offense and means:
  - (a)(i) Murder in the first degree;
- 22 (ii) Homicide by abuse;

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- 23 (iii) Murder in the second degree;
  - (iv) Manslaughter in the first degree;
- 25 (v) Assault in the first degree;
- 26 (vi) Kidnapping in the first degree;
- 27 (vii) Rape in the first degree;
- 28 (viii) Assault of a child in the first degree; or
- 29 (ix) An attempt, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy to 30 commit one of these felonies; or
- 31 (b) Any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that 32 under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as a serious 33 violent offense under (a) of this subsection.
- 34 (((43))) (45) "Sex offense" means:
- 35 (a)(i) A felony that is a violation of chapter 9A.44 RCW other than 36 RCW 9A.44.130(12);
- 37 (ii) A violation of RCW 9A.64.020;

1 (iii) A felony that is a violation of chapter 9.68A RCW other than 2 RCW 9.68A.080; or

- (iv) A felony that is, under chapter 9A.28 RCW, a criminal attempt, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy to commit such crimes;
- (b) Any conviction for a felony offense in effect at any time prior to July 1, 1976, that is comparable to a felony classified as a sex offense in (a) of this subsection;
- 8 (c) A felony with a finding of sexual motivation under RCW 9 9.94A.835 or 13.40.135; or
  - (d) Any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as a sex offense under (a) of this subsection.
  - $((\frac{44}{}))$   $\underline{(46)}$  "Sexual motivation" means that one of the purposes for which the defendant committed the crime was for the purpose of his or her sexual gratification.
- $((\frac{45}{}))$   $\underline{(47)}$  "Standard sentence range" means the sentencing court's discretionary range in imposing a nonappealable sentence.
  - ((46))) (48) "Statutory maximum sentence" means the maximum length of time for which an offender may be confined as punishment for a crime as prescribed in chapter 9A.20 RCW, RCW 9.92.010, the statute defining the crime, or other statute defining the maximum penalty for a crime.
- $((\frac{47}{1}))$  (49) "Stranger" means that the victim did not know the offender twenty-four hours before the offense.
  - ((48))) (50) "Total confinement" means confinement inside the physical boundaries of a facility or institution operated or utilized under contract by the state or any other unit of government for twenty-four hours a day, or pursuant to RCW 72.64.050 and 72.64.060.
  - ((49))) (51) "Transition training" means written and verbal instructions and assistance provided by the department to the offender during the two weeks prior to the offender's successful completion of the work ethic camp program. The transition training shall include instructions in the offender's requirements and obligations during the offender's period of community custody.
  - ((+50+)) (52) "Victim" means any person who has sustained emotional, psychological, physical, or financial injury to person or property as a direct result of the crime charged.
    - $((\frac{51}{51}))$  (53) "Violent offense" means:
    - (a) Any of the following felonies:

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- 1 (i) Any felony defined under any law as a class A felony or an attempt to commit a class A felony;
- 3 (ii) Criminal solicitation of or criminal conspiracy to commit a 4 class A felony;
  - (iii) Manslaughter in the first degree;
- 6 (iv) Manslaughter in the second degree;
  - (v) Indecent liberties if committed by forcible compulsion;
- 8 (vi) Kidnapping in the second degree;
- 9 (vii) Arson in the second degree;
- 10 (viii) Assault in the second degree;
- 11 (ix) Assault of a child in the second degree;
- 12 (x) Extortion in the first degree;
- 13 (xi) Robbery in the second degree;
- 14 (xii) Drive-by shooting;

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- 15 (xiii) Vehicular assault, when caused by the operation or driving 16 of a vehicle by a person while under the influence of intoxicating 17 liquor or any drug or by the operation or driving of a vehicle in a 18 reckless manner; and
  - (xiv) Vehicular homicide, when proximately caused by the driving of any vehicle by any person while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug as defined by RCW 46.61.502, or by the operation of any vehicle in a reckless manner;
  - (b) Any conviction for a felony offense in effect at any time prior to July 1, 1976, that is comparable to a felony classified as a violent offense in (a) of this subsection; and
  - (c) Any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as a violent offense under (a) or (b) of this subsection.
- $((\frac{(52)}{)})$   $\underline{(54)}$  "Work crew" means a program of partial confinement consisting of civic improvement tasks for the benefit of the community that complies with RCW 9.94A.725.
- 32 (((53))) (55) "Work ethic camp" means an alternative incarceration program as provided in RCW 9.94A.690 designed to reduce recidivism and 33 34 lower the cost of corrections by requiring offenders to complete a comprehensive array of real-world job and vocational experiences, 35 36 character-building work ethics training, life management skills 37 development, substance abuse rehabilitation, counseling, literacy training, and basic adult education. 38

1 ((<del>(54)</del>)) <u>(56)</u> "Work release" means a program of partial confinement 2 available to offenders who are employed or engaged as a student in a 3 regular course of study at school.

Sec. 3. RCW 9.94A.525 and 2008 c 231 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

The offender score is measured on the horizontal axis of the sentencing grid. The offender score rules are as follows:

The offender score is the sum of points accrued under this section rounded down to the nearest whole number.

- (1) A prior conviction is a conviction which exists before the date of sentencing for the offense for which the offender score is being computed. Convictions entered or sentenced on the same date as the conviction for which the offender score is being computed shall be deemed "other current offenses" within the meaning of RCW 9.94A.589.
- (2)(a) Class A and sex prior felony convictions shall always be included in the offender score.
- (b) Class B prior felony convictions other than sex offenses shall not be included in the offender score, if since the last date of release from confinement (including full-time residential treatment) pursuant to a felony conviction, if any, or entry of judgment and sentence, the offender had spent ten consecutive years in the community without committing any crime that subsequently results in a conviction.
- (c) Except as provided in (e) of this subsection, class C prior felony convictions other than sex offenses shall not be included in the offender score if, since the last date of release from confinement (including full-time residential treatment) pursuant to a felony conviction, if any, or entry of judgment and sentence, the offender had spent five consecutive years in the community without committing any crime that subsequently results in a conviction.
- (d) Except as provided in (e) of this subsection, serious traffic convictions shall not be included in the offender score if, since the last date of release from confinement (including full-time residential treatment) pursuant to a felony conviction, if any, or entry of judgment and sentence, the offender spent five years in the community without committing any crime that subsequently results in a conviction.
- (e) If the present conviction is felony driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug (RCW 46.61.502(6)) or

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felony physical control of a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug (RCW 46.61.504(6)), prior convictions of felony driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug, felony physical control of a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug, and serious traffic offenses shall be included in the offender score if: (i) The prior convictions were committed within five years since the last date of release from confinement (including full-time residential treatment) or entry of judgment and sentence; or (ii) the prior convictions would be considered "prior offenses within ten years" as defined in RCW 46.61.5055.

- (f) <u>Serious domestic violence convictions shall not be included in the offender score if, since the last date of release from confinement or entry of judgment and sentence, the offender spent ten years in the community without committing any crime that subsequently results in a conviction.</u>
- 17 <u>(g)</u> This subsection applies to both adult and juvenile prior 18 convictions.
  - (3) Out-of-state convictions for offenses shall be classified according to the comparable offense definitions and sentences provided by Washington law. Federal convictions for offenses shall be classified according to the comparable offense definitions and sentences provided by Washington law. If there is no clearly comparable offense under Washington law or the offense is one that is usually considered subject to exclusive federal jurisdiction, the offense shall be scored as a class C felony equivalent if it was a felony under the relevant federal statute.
  - (4) Score prior convictions for felony anticipatory offenses (attempts, criminal solicitations, and criminal conspiracies) the same as if they were convictions for completed offenses.
  - (5)(a) In the case of multiple prior convictions, for the purpose of computing the offender score, count all convictions separately, except:
  - (i) Prior offenses which were found, under RCW 9.94A.589(1)(a), to encompass the same criminal conduct, shall be counted as one offense, the offense that yields the highest offender score. The current sentencing court shall determine with respect to other prior adult offenses for which sentences were served concurrently or prior juvenile

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offenses for which sentences were served consecutively, whether those offenses shall be counted as one offense or as separate offenses using the "same criminal conduct" analysis found in RCW 9.94A.589(1)(a), and if the court finds that they shall be counted as one offense, then the offense that yields the highest offender score shall be used. The current sentencing court may presume that such other prior offenses were not the same criminal conduct from sentences imposed on separate dates, or in separate counties or jurisdictions, or in separate complaints, indictments, or informations;

- (ii) In the case of multiple prior convictions for offenses committed before July 1, 1986, for the purpose of computing the offender score, count all adult convictions served concurrently as one offense, and count all juvenile convictions entered on the same date as one offense. Use the conviction for the offense that yields the highest offender score.
- (b) As used in this subsection (5), "served concurrently" means that: (i) The latter sentence was imposed with specific reference to the former; (ii) the concurrent relationship of the sentences was judicially imposed; and (iii) the concurrent timing of the sentences was not the result of a probation or parole revocation on the former offense.
- (6) If the present conviction is one of the anticipatory offenses of criminal attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy, count each prior conviction as if the present conviction were for a completed offense. When these convictions are used as criminal history, score them the same as a completed crime.
- (7) If the present conviction is for a nonviolent offense and not covered by subsection (11),  $((\frac{12}{12}, \frac{1}{12}))$  (13), or (14) of this section, count one point for each adult prior felony conviction and one point for each juvenile prior violent felony conviction and 1/2 point for each juvenile prior nonviolent felony conviction.
- (8) If the present conviction is for a violent offense and not covered in subsection (9), (10), (11),  $((\frac{12}{12}), or))$  (13), or (14) of this section, count two points for each prior adult and juvenile violent felony conviction, one point for each prior adult nonviolent felony conviction, and 1/2 point for each prior juvenile nonviolent felony conviction.

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(9) If the present conviction is for a serious violent offense, count three points for prior adult and juvenile convictions for crimes in this category, two points for each prior adult and juvenile violent conviction (not already counted), one point for each prior adult nonviolent felony conviction, and 1/2 point for each prior juvenile nonviolent felony conviction.

- (10) If the present conviction is for Burglary 1, count prior convictions as in subsection (8) of this section; however count two points for each prior adult Burglary 2 or residential burglary conviction, and one point for each prior juvenile Burglary 2 or residential burglary conviction.
- (11) If the present conviction is for a felony traffic offense count two points for each adult or juvenile prior conviction for Vehicular Homicide or Vehicular Assault; for each felony offense count one point for each adult and 1/2 point for each juvenile prior conviction; for each serious traffic offense, other than those used for an enhancement pursuant to RCW 46.61.520(2), count one point for each adult and 1/2 point for each juvenile prior conviction; count one point for each adult and 1/2 point for each juvenile prior conviction for operation of a vessel while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug.
- offense where domestic violence as defined in RCW 9.94A.030 was plead and proven, count priors as in subsections (7) through (11) and (13) through (18) of this section; however, count two points for each adult and juvenile prior conviction for felony violation of a no contact order/protection order (assault 1 or 2), felony harassment domestic violence, felony stalking domestic violence, Burglary 1 domestic violence, Kidnapping 1 and 2 domestic violence, unlawful imprisonment domestic violence, Robbery 1 and 2 domestic violence, Assault 2 and 3 domestic violence, or Arson 1 and 2 domestic violence; count one point for felony violation of a no contact order (two prior misdemeanor offenses), residential burglary domestic violence; count one point for each serious domestic violence offense where serious domestic violence as defined in RCW 9.94A.030 was plead and proven, other than those convictions that are an element of the offense being scored.
- (13) If the present conviction is for homicide by watercraft or assault by watercraft count two points for each adult or juvenile prior

conviction for homicide by watercraft or assault by watercraft; for each felony offense count one point for each adult and 1/2 point for each juvenile prior conviction; count one point for each adult and 1/2 point for each juvenile prior conviction for driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug, actual physical control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug, or operation of a vessel while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug.

((\(\frac{(13\)}{13}\))) (14) If the present conviction is for manufacture of methamphetamine count three points for each adult prior manufacture of methamphetamine conviction and two points for each juvenile manufacture of methamphetamine offense. If the present conviction is for a drug offense and the offender has a criminal history that includes a sex offense or serious violent offense, count three points for each adult prior felony drug offense conviction and two points for each juvenile drug offense. All other adult and juvenile felonies are scored as in subsection (8) of this section if the current drug offense is violent, or as in subsection (7) of this section if the current drug offense is nonviolent.

 $((\frac{14}{1}))$  If the present conviction is for Escape from Community Custody, RCW 72.09.310, count only prior escape convictions in the offender score. Count adult prior escape convictions as one point and juvenile prior escape convictions as 1/2 point.

 $((\frac{15}{15}))$  <u>(16)</u> If the present conviction is for Escape 1, RCW 9A.76.110, or Escape 2, RCW 9A.76.120, count adult prior convictions as one point and juvenile prior convictions as 1/2 point.

 $((\frac{16}{10}))$  (17) If the present conviction is for Burglary 2 or residential burglary, count priors as in subsection (7) of this section; however, count two points for each adult and juvenile prior Burglary 1 conviction, two points for each adult prior Burglary 2 or residential burglary conviction, and one point for each juvenile prior Burglary 2 or residential burglary conviction.

 $((\frac{17}{17}))$  (18) If the present conviction is for a sex offense, count priors as in subsections (7) through (11) and  $((\frac{13}{17}))$  (14) through  $((\frac{16}{17}))$  (17) of this section; however count three points for each adult and juvenile prior sex offense conviction.

 $((\frac{18}{18}))$  (19) If the present conviction is for failure to register as a sex offender under RCW 9A.44.130(11), count priors as in

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subsections (7) through (11) and  $((\frac{13}{13}))$  (14) through  $((\frac{16}{16}))$  (17) of this section; however count three points for each adult and juvenile prior sex offense conviction, excluding prior convictions for failure to register as a sex offender under RCW 9A.44.130(11), which shall count as one point.

(((19))) (20) If the present conviction is for an offense committed while the offender was under community custody, add one point. For purposes of this subsection, community custody includes community placement or postrelease supervision, as defined in chapter 9.94B RCW.

 $((\frac{(20)}{)})$  (21) If the present conviction is for Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, Taking a Motor Vehicle Without Permission 1, or Taking a Motor Vehicle Without Permission 2, count priors as in subsections (7) through  $((\frac{(18)}{)})$  (11) and (13) through (19) of this section; however count one point for prior convictions of Vehicle Prowling 2, and three points for each adult and juvenile prior Theft 1 (of a motor vehicle), Theft 2 (of a motor vehicle), Possession of Stolen Property 1 (of a motor vehicle), Possession of Stolen Property 2 (of a motor vehicle), Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, Taking a Motor Vehicle Without Permission 1, or Taking a Motor Vehicle Without Permission 2 conviction.

((\(\frac{(21)}{)}\)) (22) The fact that a prior conviction was not included in an offender's offender score or criminal history at a previous sentencing shall have no bearing on whether it is included in the criminal history or offender score for the current offense. Prior convictions that were not counted in the offender score or included in criminal history under repealed or previous versions of the sentencing reform act shall be included in criminal history and shall count in the offender score if the current version of the sentencing reform act requires including or counting those convictions. Prior convictions that were not included in criminal history or in the offender score shall be included upon any resentencing to ensure imposition of an accurate sentence.

**Sec. 4.** RCW 9.94A.535 and 2008 c 276 s 303 and 2008 c 233 s 9 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

The court may impose a sentence outside the standard sentence range for an offense if it finds, considering the purpose of this chapter, that there are substantial and compelling reasons justifying an

exceptional sentence. Facts supporting aggravated sentences, other than the fact of a prior conviction, shall be determined pursuant to the provisions of RCW 9.94A.537.

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Whenever a sentence outside the standard sentence range is imposed, the court shall set forth the reasons for its decision in written findings of fact and conclusions of law. A sentence outside the standard sentence range shall be a determinate sentence.

If the sentencing court finds that an exceptional sentence outside the standard sentence range should be imposed, the sentence is subject to review only as provided for in RCW 9.94A.585(4).

A departure from the standards in RCW 9.94A.589 (1) and (2) governing whether sentences are to be served consecutively or concurrently is an exceptional sentence subject to the limitations in this section, and may be appealed by the offender or the state as set forth in RCW 9.94A.585 (2) through (6).

(1) Mitigating Circumstances - Court to Consider

The court may impose an exceptional sentence below the standard range if it finds that mitigating circumstances are established by a preponderance of the evidence. The following are illustrative only and are not intended to be exclusive reasons for exceptional sentences.

- (a) To a significant degree, the victim was an initiator, willing participant, aggressor, or provoker of the incident.
- (b) Before detection, the defendant compensated, or made a good faith effort to compensate, the victim of the criminal conduct for any damage or injury sustained.
- (c) The defendant committed the crime under duress, coercion, threat, or compulsion insufficient to constitute a complete defense but which significantly affected his or her conduct.
- 29 (d) The defendant, with no apparent predisposition to do so, was 30 induced by others to participate in the crime.
- 31 (e) The defendant's capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of his 32 or her conduct, or to conform his or her conduct to the requirements of 33 the law, was significantly impaired. Voluntary use of drugs or alcohol 34 is excluded.
- 35 (f) The offense was principally accomplished by another person and 36 the defendant manifested extreme caution or sincere concern for the 37 safety or well-being of the victim.

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(g) The operation of the multiple offense policy of RCW 9.94A.589 results in a presumptive sentence that is clearly excessive in light of the purpose of this chapter, as expressed in RCW 9.94A.010.

- (h) The defendant or the defendant's children suffered a continuing pattern of physical or sexual abuse by the victim of the offense and the offense is a response to that abuse.
- (2) Aggravating Circumstances Considered and Imposed by the Court The trial court may impose an aggravated exceptional sentence without a finding of fact by a jury under the following circumstances:
- (a) The defendant and the state both stipulate that justice is best served by the imposition of an exceptional sentence outside the standard range, and the court finds the exceptional sentence to be consistent with and in furtherance of the interests of justice and the purposes of the sentencing reform act.
- (b) The defendant's prior unscored misdemeanor or prior unscored foreign criminal history results in a presumptive sentence that is clearly too lenient in light of the purpose of this chapter, as expressed in RCW 9.94A.010.
- (c) The defendant has committed multiple current offenses and the defendant's high offender score results in some of the current offenses going unpunished.
- (d) The failure to consider the defendant's prior criminal history which was omitted from the offender score calculation pursuant to RCW 9.94A.525 results in a presumptive sentence that is clearly too lenient.
- 26 (3) Aggravating Circumstances Considered by a Jury -Imposed by 27 the Court

Except for circumstances listed in subsection (2) of this section, the following circumstances are an exclusive list of factors that can support a sentence above the standard range. Such facts should be determined by procedures specified in RCW 9.94A.537.

- (a) The defendant's conduct during the commission of the current offense manifested deliberate cruelty to the victim.
- (b) The defendant knew or should have known that the victim of the current offense was particularly vulnerable or incapable of resistance.
- 36 (c) The current offense was a violent offense, and the defendant 37 knew that the victim of the current offense was pregnant.

1 (d) The current offense was a major economic offense or series of 2 offenses, so identified by a consideration of any of the following 3 factors:

- (i) The current offense involved multiple victims or multiple incidents per victim;
- (ii) The current offense involved attempted or actual monetary loss substantially greater than typical for the offense;
- (iii) The current offense involved a high degree of sophistication or planning or occurred over a lengthy period of time; or
- (iv) The defendant used his or her position of trust, confidence, or fiduciary responsibility to facilitate the commission of the current offense.
  - (e) The current offense was a major violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, chapter 69.50 RCW (VUCSA), related to trafficking in controlled substances, which was more onerous than the typical offense of its statutory definition: The presence of ANY of the following may identify a current offense as a major VUCSA:
  - (i) The current offense involved at least three separate transactions in which controlled substances were sold, transferred, or possessed with intent to do so;
  - (ii) The current offense involved an attempted or actual sale or transfer of controlled substances in quantities substantially larger than for personal use;
  - (iii) The current offense involved the manufacture of controlled substances for use by other parties;
  - (iv) The circumstances of the current offense reveal the offender to have occupied a high position in the drug distribution hierarchy;
  - (v) The current offense involved a high degree of sophistication or planning, occurred over a lengthy period of time, or involved a broad geographic area of disbursement; or
  - (vi) The offender used his or her position or status to facilitate the commission of the current offense, including positions of trust, confidence or fiduciary responsibility (e.g., pharmacist, physician, or other medical professional).
- 35 (f) The current offense included a finding of sexual motivation 36 pursuant to RCW 9.94A.835.
  - (g) The offense was part of an ongoing pattern of sexual abuse of

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the same victim under the age of eighteen years manifested by multiple incidents over a prolonged period of time.

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- (h) The current offense involved domestic violence, as defined in RCW 10.99.020, and one or more of the following was present:
- (i) The offense was part of an ongoing pattern of psychological, physical, or sexual abuse of ((the)) a victim or multiple victims manifested by multiple incidents over a prolonged period of time;
- (ii) The offense occurred within sight or sound of the victim's or the offender's minor children under the age of eighteen years; or
- (iii) The offender's conduct during the commission of the current offense manifested deliberate cruelty or intimidation of the victim.
- 12 (i) The offense resulted in the pregnancy of a child victim of 13 rape.
  - (j) The defendant knew that the victim of the current offense was a youth who was not residing with a legal custodian and the defendant established or promoted the relationship for the primary purpose of victimization.
  - (k) The offense was committed with the intent to obstruct or impair human or animal health care or agricultural or forestry research or commercial production.
  - (1) The current offense is trafficking in the first degree or trafficking in the second degree and any victim was a minor at the time of the offense.
- 24 (m) The offense involved a high degree of sophistication or 25 planning.
  - (n) The defendant used his or her position of trust, confidence, or fiduciary responsibility to facilitate the commission of the current offense.
- 29 (o) The defendant committed a current sex offense, has a history of 30 sex offenses, and is not amenable to treatment.
  - (p) The offense involved an invasion of the victim's privacy.
- 32 (q) The defendant demonstrated or displayed an egregious lack of 33 remorse.
- 34 (r) The offense involved a destructive and foreseeable impact on 35 persons other than the victim.
- 36 (s) The defendant committed the offense to obtain or maintain his 37 or her membership or to advance his or her position in the hierarchy of 38 an organization, association, or identifiable group.

1 (t) The defendant committed the current offense shortly after being 2 released from incarceration.

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- (u) The current offense is a burglary and the victim of the burglary was present in the building or residence when the crime was committed.
- (v) The offense was committed against a law enforcement officer who was performing his or her official duties at the time of the offense, the offender knew that the victim was a law enforcement officer, and the victim's status as a law enforcement officer is not an element of the offense.
- 11 (w) The defendant committed the offense against a victim who was 12 acting as a good samaritan.
  - (x) The defendant committed the offense against a public official or officer of the court in retaliation of the public official's performance of his or her duty to the criminal justice system.
  - (y) The victim's injuries substantially exceed the level of bodily harm necessary to satisfy the elements of the offense. This aggravator is not an exception to RCW 9.94A.530(2).
    - (z)(i)(A) The current offense is theft in the first degree, theft in the second degree, possession of stolen property in the first degree, or possession of stolen property in the second degree; (B) the stolen property involved is metal property; and (C) the property damage to the victim caused in the course of the theft of metal property is more than three times the value of the stolen metal property, or the theft of the metal property creates a public hazard.
  - (ii) For purposes of this subsection, "metal property" means commercial metal property, private metal property, or nonferrous metal property, as defined in RCW 19.290.010.
- 29 (aa) The defendant committed the offense with the intent to 30 directly or indirectly cause any benefit, aggrandizement, gain, profit, 31 or other advantage to or for a criminal street gang as defined in RCW 32 9.94A.030, its reputation, influence, or membership.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Section 2 of this act takes effect August 1, 2009.

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