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By Representatives Leonard, Cooke, Wolfe, Morris, L. Johnson, J. Kohl, Roland, Karahalios and Springer; by request of Department of Corrections and Department of Social and Health Services

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1 AN ACT Relating to youthful offender placement; and amending RCW  
2 72.01.410.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 72.01.410 and 1981 c 136 s 74 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 Whenever any child under the age of (~~sixteen~~) eighteen is  
7 convicted in the courts of this state of a crime amounting to a felony,  
8 and is committed for a term of confinement in a correctional  
9 institution wherein adults are confined, the secretary of corrections,  
10 after making an independent assessment and evaluation of the child and  
11 determining that the needs and correctional goals for the child could  
12 better be met by the programs and housing environment provided by the  
13 juvenile correctional institution, with the consent of the secretary of  
14 social and health services, may transfer such child to a juvenile  
15 correctional institution, or to such other institution as is now, or  
16 may hereafter be authorized by law to receive such child, until such  
17 time as the child arrives at the age of (~~eighteen~~) twenty-one years,  
18 whereupon the child shall be returned to the institution of original  
19 commitment. Retention within a juvenile detention facility or return

1 to an adult correctional facility shall regularly be reviewed by the  
2 secretary of corrections and the secretary of social and health  
3 services with a determination made based on the level of maturity and  
4 sophistication of the individual, the behavior and progress while  
5 within the juvenile detention facility, security needs, and the  
6 program/treatment alternatives which would best prepare the individual  
7 for a successful return to the community. Notice of such transfers  
8 shall be given to the clerk of the committing court and the parents,  
9 guardian, or next of kin of such child, if known.

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