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By Representatives Ballasiotes, Blanton, Quall, Cole, Tokuda, Dickerson, Costa, Conway, Casada, Backlund, Johnson, Talcott and Huff; by request of Department of Corrections

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1 AN ACT Relating to work ethic camps; amending RCW 9.94A.137; and
2 prescribing penalties.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.94A.137 and 1993 c 338 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1)(a) An offender is eligible to be sentenced to a work ethic camp
7 if the offender:

8 ((~~a~~)) (i) Is sentenced to a term of total confinement of not less
9 than ((~~twenty-two~~)) twenty months or more than thirty-six months;

10 ((~~b~~)) (ii) Is ((~~between the ages of~~)) eighteen ((~~and twenty-~~
11 ~~eight~~)) years of age or older; and

12 ((~~c~~)) (iii) Has no current or prior convictions for any sex
13 offenses or for violent offenses.

14 The sentencing court may consider offenders eligible to be
15 sentenced to a work ethic camp who are or have been convicted of
16 manufacturing, delivering, or possessing with intent to manufacture or
17 deliver a controlled substance under RCW 69.50.401 after a complete
18 review of their criminal history has been conducted and approved by the
19 sentencing judge and upon further approval by the department of

1 corrections in accordance with all other terms and conditions of this
2 section.

3 (b) The length of the work ethic camp program shall be at least one
4 hundred twenty days and not more than one hundred eighty days. Because
5 of the conversion ratio, earned early release time shall not accrue to
6 offenders who successfully complete the program.

7 (2)(a) An offender is eligible to be sentenced to a modified work
8 ethic camp if the offender:

9 (i) Is sentenced to a term of total confinement of not less than
10 twelve months and a day or more than nineteen months;

11 (ii) Is eighteen years of age or older; and

12 (iii) Has no current or prior convictions for any sex offenses.

13 The sentencing court may consider offenders eligible to be
14 sentenced to a modified work ethic camp who are or have been convicted
15 of manufacturing, delivering, or possessing with intent to manufacture
16 or deliver a controlled substance under RCW 69.50.401 after a complete
17 review of their criminal history has been conducted and approved by the
18 sentencing judge and upon further approval by the department of
19 corrections in accordance with all other terms and conditions of this
20 section.

21 (b) The length of the modified work ethic camp program shall be at
22 least sixty days and not more than seventy-five days. Because of the
23 conversion ratio, earned early release time shall not accrue to
24 offenders who successfully complete the program.

25 (3) If the sentencing judge determines that the offender is
26 eligible for the work ethic camp and is likely to qualify under
27 subsection ((3)) (4) of this section, the judge shall impose a
28 sentence within the standard range and may recommend that the offender
29 serve the sentence at a work ethic camp. The sentence shall provide
30 that if the offender successfully completes the program, the department
31 shall convert the period of work ethic camp confinement at the rate of
32 one day of work ethic camp confinement to three days of total standard
33 confinement. The court shall also provide that upon completion of the
34 work ethic camp program, the offender shall be released on community
35 custody for any remaining time of total confinement. The department
36 may identify offenders who are eligible for the work ethic camp and,
37 with concurrence from the sentencing judge, may refer the offender to
38 the work ethic camp and adjust time served and community custody
39 requirements as prescribed in this section.

1 ~~((3))~~ (4) The department shall place the offender in the work
2 ethic camp program, subject to capacity, unless (a) the department
3 determines that the offender has physical or mental impairments that
4 would prevent participation and completion of the program, (b) the
5 department determines that the offender's custody level prevents
6 placement in the program, or (c) the offender refuses to agree to the
7 terms and conditions of the program.

8 ~~((4))~~ (5) An ~~((inmate))~~ offender who fails to complete the work
9 ethic camp program, who is administratively terminated from the
10 program, or who otherwise violates any conditions of supervision, as
11 defined by the department, shall be reclassified to serve the unexpired
12 term of his or her sentence as ordered by the sentencing judge and
13 shall be subject to all rules relating to earned early release time.

14 ~~((5) The length of the work ethic camp program shall be at least
15 one hundred twenty days and not more than one hundred eighty days.
16 Because of the conversion ratio, earned early release time shall not
17 accrue to offenders who successfully complete the program.))~~

18 (6) During the last two weeks prior to release from the work ethic
19 camp program the department shall provide the offender with
20 comprehensive transition training.

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