
SENATE BILL 5204

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By Senators Hargrove, Long, Franklin, Kohl, Oke and Winsley; 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 other than drug offenses for
14 manufacturing, possession, delivery, or intent to deliver a controlled
15 substance.

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

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

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

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

6 (iii) Has no current or prior convictions for any sex offenses or
7 for violent offenses other than drug offenses for manufacturing,
8 possession, delivery, or intent to deliver a controlled substance.

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

13 (3) If the sentencing judge determines that the offender is
14 eligible for the work ethic camp and is likely to qualify under
15 subsection ((+3)) (4) of this section, the judge shall impose a
16 sentence within the standard range and may recommend that the offender
17 serve the sentence at a work ethic camp. The sentence shall provide
18 that if the offender successfully completes the program, the department
19 shall convert the period of work ethic camp confinement at the rate of
20 one day of work ethic camp confinement to three days of total standard
21 confinement. The court shall also provide that upon completion of the
22 work ethic camp program, the offender shall be released on community
23 custody for any remaining time of total confinement. The department
24 may identify offenders who are eligible for the work ethic camp and,
25 with concurrence from the sentencing judge, may refer the offender to
26 the work ethic camp and adjust time served and community custody
27 requirements as prescribed in this section.

28 ((+3)) (4) The department shall place the offender in the work
29 ethic camp program, subject to capacity, unless (a) the department
30 determines that the offender has physical or mental impairments that
31 would prevent participation and completion of the program, (b) the
32 department determines that the offender's custody level prevents
33 placement in the program, or (c) the offender refuses to agree to the
34 terms and conditions of the program.

35 ((+4)) (5) An ((inmate)) offender who fails to complete the work
36 ethic camp program, who is administratively terminated from the
37 program, or who otherwise violates any conditions of supervision, as
38 defined by the department, shall be reclassified to serve the unexpired

1 term of his or her sentence as ordered by the sentencing judge and
2 shall be subject to all rules relating to earned early release time.

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

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

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