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1 AN ACT Relating to life imprisonment for sex offenders convicted of  
2 multiple offenses with child victims; reenacting and amending RCW  
3 9.94A.030; and prescribing penalties.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.94A.030 and 1995 c 268 s 2, 1995 c 108 s 1, and 1995  
6 c 101 s 2 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
8 this section apply throughout this chapter.

9 (1) "Collect," or any derivative thereof, "collect and remit," or  
10 "collect and deliver," when used with reference to the department of  
11 corrections, means that the department is responsible for monitoring  
12 and enforcing the offender's sentence with regard to the legal  
13 financial obligation, receiving payment thereof from the offender, and,  
14 consistent with current law, delivering daily the entire payment to the  
15 superior court clerk without depositing it in a departmental account.

16 (2) "Commission" means the sentencing guidelines commission.

17 (3) "Community corrections officer" means an employee of the  
18 department who is responsible for carrying out specific duties in

1 supervision of sentenced offenders and monitoring of sentence  
2 conditions.

3 (4) "Community custody" means that portion of an inmate's sentence  
4 of confinement in lieu of earned early release time or imposed pursuant  
5 to RCW 9.94A.120(6) served in the community subject to controls placed  
6 on the inmate's movement and activities by the department of  
7 corrections.

8 (5) "Community placement" means that period during which the  
9 offender is subject to the conditions of community custody and/or  
10 postrelease supervision, which begins either upon completion of the  
11 term of confinement (postrelease supervision) or at such time as the  
12 offender is transferred to community custody in lieu of earned early  
13 release. Community placement may consist of entirely community  
14 custody, entirely postrelease supervision, or a combination of the two.

15 (6) "Community service" means compulsory service, without  
16 compensation, performed for the benefit of the community by the  
17 offender.

18 (7) "Community supervision" means a period of time during which a  
19 convicted offender is subject to crime-related prohibitions and other  
20 sentence conditions imposed by a court pursuant to this chapter or RCW  
21 16.52.200(6) or 46.61.524. For first-time offenders, the supervision  
22 may include crime-related prohibitions and other conditions imposed  
23 pursuant to RCW 9.94A.120(5). For purposes of the interstate compact  
24 for out-of-state supervision of parolees and probationers, RCW  
25 9.95.270, community supervision is the functional equivalent of  
26 probation and should be considered the same as probation by other  
27 states.

28 (8) "Confinement" means total or partial confinement as defined in  
29 this section.

30 (9) "Conviction" means an adjudication of guilt pursuant to Titles  
31 10 or 13 RCW and includes a verdict of guilty, a finding of guilty, and  
32 acceptance of a plea of guilty.

33 (10) "Court-ordered legal financial obligation" means a sum of  
34 money that is ordered by a superior court of the state of Washington  
35 for legal financial obligations which may include restitution to the  
36 victim, statutorily imposed crime victims' compensation fees as  
37 assessed pursuant to RCW 7.68.035, court costs, county or interlocal  
38 drug funds, court-appointed attorneys' fees, and costs of defense,  
39 fines, and any other financial obligation that is assessed to the

1 offender as a result of a felony conviction. Upon conviction for  
2 vehicular assault while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or  
3 any drug, RCW 46.61.522(1)(b), or vehicular homicide while under the  
4 influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug, RCW 46.61.520(1)(a),  
5 legal financial obligations may also include payment to a public agency  
6 of the expense of an emergency response to the incident resulting in  
7 the conviction, subject to the provisions in RCW 38.52.430.

8 (11) "Crime-related prohibition" means an order of a court  
9 prohibiting conduct that directly relates to the circumstances of the  
10 crime for which the offender has been convicted, and shall not be  
11 construed to mean orders directing an offender affirmatively to  
12 participate in rehabilitative programs or to otherwise perform  
13 affirmative conduct.

14 (12)(a) "Criminal history" means the list of a defendant's prior  
15 convictions, whether in this state, in federal court, or elsewhere.  
16 The history shall include, where known, for each conviction (i) whether  
17 the defendant has been placed on probation and the length and terms  
18 thereof; and (ii) whether the defendant has been incarcerated and the  
19 length of incarceration.

20 (b) "Criminal history" shall always include juvenile convictions  
21 for sex offenses and serious violent offenses and shall also include a  
22 defendant's other prior convictions in juvenile court if: (i) The  
23 conviction was for an offense which is a felony or a serious traffic  
24 offense and is criminal history as defined in RCW 13.40.020(9); (ii)  
25 the defendant was fifteen years of age or older at the time the offense  
26 was committed; and (iii) with respect to prior juvenile class B and C  
27 felonies or serious traffic offenses, the defendant was less than  
28 twenty-three years of age at the time the offense for which he or she  
29 is being sentenced was committed.

30 (13) "Day fine" means a fine imposed by the sentencing judge that  
31 equals the difference between the offender's net daily income and the  
32 reasonable obligations that the offender has for the support of the  
33 offender and any dependents.

34 (14) "Day reporting" means a program of enhanced supervision  
35 designed to monitor the defendant's daily activities and compliance  
36 with sentence conditions, and in which the defendant is required to  
37 report daily to a specific location designated by the department or the  
38 sentencing judge.

39 (15) "Department" means the department of corrections.

1 (16) "Determinate sentence" means a sentence that states with  
2 exactitude the number of actual years, months, or days of total  
3 confinement, of partial confinement, of community supervision, the  
4 number of actual hours or days of community service work, or dollars or  
5 terms of a legal financial obligation. The fact that an offender  
6 through "earned early release" can reduce the actual period of  
7 confinement shall not affect the classification of the sentence as a  
8 determinate sentence.

9 (17) "Disposable earnings" means that part of the earnings of an  
10 individual remaining after the deduction from those earnings of any  
11 amount required by law to be withheld. For the purposes of this  
12 definition, "earnings" means compensation paid or payable for personal  
13 services, whether denominated as wages, salary, commission, bonuses, or  
14 otherwise, and, notwithstanding any other provision of law making the  
15 payments exempt from garnishment, attachment, or other process to  
16 satisfy a court-ordered legal financial obligation, specifically  
17 includes periodic payments pursuant to pension or retirement programs,  
18 or insurance policies of any type, but does not include payments made  
19 under Title 50 RCW, except as provided in RCW 50.40.020 and 50.40.050,  
20 or Title 74 RCW.

21 (18) "Drug offense" means:

22 (a) Any felony violation of chapter 69.50 RCW except possession of  
23 a controlled substance (RCW 69.50.401(d)) or forged prescription for a  
24 controlled substance (RCW 69.50.403);

25 (b) Any offense defined as a felony under federal law that relates  
26 to the possession, manufacture, distribution, or transportation of a  
27 controlled substance; or

28 (c) Any out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws  
29 of this state would be a felony classified as a drug offense under (a)  
30 of this subsection.

31 (19) "Escape" means:

32 (a) Escape in the first degree (RCW 9A.76.110), escape in the  
33 second degree (RCW 9A.76.120), willful failure to return from furlough  
34 (RCW 72.66.060), willful failure to return from work release (RCW  
35 72.65.070), or willful failure to be available for supervision by the  
36 department while in community custody (RCW 72.09.310); or

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

1 (20) "Felony traffic offense" means:

2 (a) Vehicular homicide (RCW 46.61.520), vehicular assault (RCW  
3 46.61.522), eluding a police officer (RCW 46.61.024), or felony hit-  
4 and-run injury-accident (RCW 46.52.020(4)); or

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

8 (21) "Fines" means the requirement that the offender pay a specific  
9 sum of money over a specific period of time to the court.

10 (22)(a) "First-time offender" means any person who is convicted of  
11 a felony (i) not classified as a violent offense or a sex offense under  
12 this chapter, or (ii) that is not the manufacture, delivery, or  
13 possession with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance  
14 classified in schedule I or II that is a narcotic drug, nor the  
15 manufacture, delivery, or possession with intent to deliver  
16 methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers as  
17 defined in RCW 69.50.206(d)(2), nor the selling for profit of any  
18 controlled substance or counterfeit substance classified in schedule I,  
19 RCW 69.50.204, except leaves and flowering tops of marijuana, and  
20 except as provided in (b) of this subsection, who previously has never  
21 been convicted of a felony in this state, federal court, or another  
22 state, and who has never participated in a program of deferred  
23 prosecution for a felony offense.

24 (b) For purposes of (a) of this subsection, a juvenile adjudication  
25 for an offense committed before the age of fifteen years is not a  
26 previous felony conviction except for adjudications of sex offenses and  
27 serious violent offenses.

28 (23) "Most serious offense" means any of the following felonies or  
29 a felony attempt to commit any of the following felonies, as now  
30 existing or hereafter amended:

31 (a) Any felony defined under any law as a class A felony or  
32 criminal solicitation of or criminal conspiracy to commit a class A  
33 felony;

34 (b) Assault in the second degree;

35 (c) Assault of a child in the second degree;

36 (d) Child molestation in the second degree;

37 (e) Controlled substance homicide;

38 (f) Extortion in the first degree;

39 (g) Incest when committed against a child under age fourteen;

1 (h) Indecent liberties;  
2 (i) Kidnapping in the second degree;  
3 (j) Leading organized crime;  
4 (k) Manslaughter in the first degree;  
5 (l) Manslaughter in the second degree;  
6 (m) Promoting prostitution in the first degree;  
7 (n) Rape in the third degree;  
8 (o) Robbery in the second degree;  
9 (p) Sexual exploitation;  
10 (q) Vehicular assault;  
11 (r) Vehicular homicide, when proximately caused by the driving of  
12 any vehicle by any person while under the influence of intoxicating  
13 liquor or any drug as defined by RCW 46.61.502, or by the operation of  
14 any vehicle in a reckless manner;  
15 (s) Any other class B felony offense with a finding of sexual  
16 motivation, as "sexual motivation" is defined under this section;  
17 (t) Any other felony with a deadly weapon verdict under RCW  
18 9.94A.125;  
19 (u) Any felony offense in effect at any time prior to December 2,  
20 1993, that is comparable to a most serious offense under this  
21 subsection, or any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense  
22 that under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as a  
23 most serious offense under this subsection.  
24 (24) "Nonviolent offense" means an offense which is not a violent  
25 offense.  
26 (25) "Offender" means a person who has committed a felony  
27 established by state law and is eighteen years of age or older or is  
28 less than eighteen years of age but whose case has been transferred by  
29 the appropriate juvenile court to a criminal court pursuant to RCW  
30 13.40.110. Throughout this chapter, the terms "offender" and  
31 "defendant" are used interchangeably.  
32 (26) "Partial confinement" means confinement for no more than one  
33 year in a facility or institution operated or utilized under contract  
34 by the state or any other unit of government, or, if home detention or  
35 work crew has been ordered by the court, in an approved residence, for  
36 a substantial portion of each day with the balance of the day spent in  
37 the community. Partial confinement includes work release, home  
38 detention, work crew, and a combination of work crew and home detention  
39 as defined in this section.

1 (27) "Persistent offender" is an offender who:

2 (a)(i) Has been convicted in this state of any felony considered a  
3 most serious offense; and

4 (~~(b)~~) (ii) Has, before the commission of the offense under (a)(i)  
5 of this subsection, been convicted as an offender on at least two  
6 separate occasions, whether in this state or elsewhere, of felonies  
7 that under the laws of this state would be considered most serious  
8 offenses and would be included in the offender score under RCW  
9 9.94A.360; provided that of the two or more previous convictions, at  
10 least one conviction must have occurred before the commission of any of  
11 the other most serious offenses for which the offender was previously  
12 convicted; or

13 (b)(i) Has been convicted in this state of a most serious offense,  
14 other than an offense included in subsection (23)(s) of this section,  
15 that is a sex offense involving a victim who is a minor; and

16 (ii) Has, before the commission of the offense under (b)(i) of this  
17 subsection, been convicted as an offender on at least one occasion,  
18 whether in this state or elsewhere, of a felony that under the laws of  
19 this state would be considered a most serious offense, other than an  
20 offense included in subsection (23)(s) of this section, that is a sex  
21 offense involving a victim who is a minor and would be included in the  
22 offender score under RCW 9.94A.360.

23 (28) "Postrelease supervision" is that portion of an offender's  
24 community placement that is not community custody.

25 (29) "Restitution" means the requirement that the offender pay a  
26 specific sum of money over a specific period of time to the court as  
27 payment of damages. The sum may include both public and private costs.  
28 The imposition of a restitution order does not preclude civil redress.

29 (30) "Serious traffic offense" means:

30 (a) Driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any  
31 drug (RCW 46.61.502), actual physical control while under the influence  
32 of intoxicating liquor or any drug (RCW 46.61.504), reckless driving  
33 (RCW 46.61.500), or hit-and-run an attended vehicle (RCW 46.52.020(5));  
34 or

35 (b) Any federal, out-of-state, county, or municipal conviction for  
36 an offense that under the laws of this state would be classified as a  
37 serious traffic offense under (a) of this subsection.

38 (31) "Serious violent offense" is a subcategory of violent offense  
39 and means:

1 (a) Murder in the first degree, homicide by abuse, murder in the  
2 second degree, assault in the first degree, kidnapping in the first  
3 degree, or rape in the first degree, assault of a child in the first  
4 degree, or an attempt, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy to  
5 commit one of these felonies; or

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

9 (32) "Sentence range" means the sentencing court's discretionary  
10 range in imposing a nonappealable sentence.

11 (33) "Sex offense" means:

12 (a) A felony that is a violation of chapter 9A.44 RCW or RCW  
13 9A.64.020 or 9.68A.090 or a felony that is, under chapter 9A.28 RCW, a  
14 criminal attempt, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy to  
15 commit such crimes;

16 (b) A felony with a finding of sexual motivation under RCW  
17 9.94A.127 or 13.40.135; or

18 (c) Any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that  
19 under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as a sex  
20 offense under (a) of this subsection.

21 (34) "Sexual motivation" means that one of the purposes for which  
22 the defendant committed the crime was for the purpose of his or her  
23 sexual gratification.

24 (35) "Total confinement" means confinement inside the physical  
25 boundaries of a facility or institution operated or utilized under  
26 contract by the state or any other unit of government for twenty-four  
27 hours a day, or pursuant to RCW 72.64.050 and 72.64.060.

28 (36) "Transition training" means written and verbal instructions  
29 and assistance provided by the department to the offender during the  
30 two weeks prior to the offender's successful completion of the work  
31 ethic camp program. The transition training shall include instructions  
32 in the offender's requirements and obligations during the offender's  
33 period of community custody.

34 (37) "Victim" means any person who has sustained emotional,  
35 psychological, physical, or financial injury to person or property as  
36 a direct result of the crime charged.

37 (38) "Violent offense" means:

38 (a) Any of the following felonies, as now existing or hereafter  
39 amended: Any felony defined under any law as a class A felony or an



1 attempt to commit a class A felony, criminal solicitation of or  
2 criminal conspiracy to commit a class A felony, manslaughter in the  
3 first degree, manslaughter in the second degree, indecent liberties if  
4 committed by forcible compulsion, kidnapping in the second degree,  
5 arson in the second degree, assault in the second degree, assault of a  
6 child in the second degree, extortion in the first degree, robbery in  
7 the second degree, vehicular assault, and vehicular homicide, when  
8 proximately caused by the driving of any vehicle by any person while  
9 under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug as defined by  
10 RCW 46.61.502, or by the operation of any vehicle in a reckless manner;

11 (b) Any conviction for a felony offense in effect at any time prior  
12 to July 1, 1976, that is comparable to a felony classified as a violent  
13 offense in (a) of this subsection; and

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

17 (39) "Work crew" means a program of partial confinement consisting  
18 of civic improvement tasks for the benefit of the community of not less  
19 than thirty-five hours per week that complies with RCW 9.94A.135. The  
20 civic improvement tasks shall have minimal negative impact on existing  
21 private industries or the labor force in the county where the service  
22 or labor is performed. The civic improvement tasks shall not affect  
23 employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities  
24 contracted through sheltered workshops as defined in RCW 82.04.385.  
25 Only those offenders sentenced to a facility operated or utilized under  
26 contract by a county or the state are eligible to participate on a work  
27 crew. Offenders sentenced for a sex offense as defined in subsection  
28 (33) of this section are not eligible for the work crew program.

29 (40) "Work ethic camp" means an alternative incarceration program  
30 designed to reduce recidivism and lower the cost of corrections by  
31 requiring offenders to complete a comprehensive array of real-world job  
32 and vocational experiences, character-building work ethics training,  
33 life management skills development, substance abuse rehabilitation,  
34 counseling, literacy training, and basic adult education.

35 (41) "Work release" means a program of partial confinement  
36 available to offenders who are employed or engaged as a student in a  
37 regular course of study at school. Participation in work release shall  
38 be conditioned upon the offender attending work or school at regularly  
39 defined hours and abiding by the rules of the work release facility.

1       (42) "Home detention" means a program of partial confinement  
2 available to offenders wherein the offender is confined in a private  
3 residence subject to electronic surveillance.

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