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Brief Description: Revising provisions relating to juveniles.

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(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 2ND SUB)

Declares goals of emphasizing juvenile and parental accountability and encouraging early and effective intervention in the lives of juveniles at risk to become runaways, truants, or criminal offenders.

Requires parents, guardians, or custodians of juvenile offenders to appear at detention, adjudicatory, and dispositional hearings.

Revises mentally ill or chemically dependent juvenile statutes.

Provides for the establishment of community truancy boards.

Revises disposition proceedings statutes.

Revises juvenile offender basic training camp eligibility.

Revises special offender disposition options.

Provides for evaluation of a juvenile's progress in achieving rehabilitation goals during commitment.

Deletes references to a juvenile disposition standards commission in chapter 13.40 RCW and provides for a juvenile disposition guidelines committee.

Revises the ages for the presumption that a child is presumed to be capable of committing a crime to children of ten years of age.

Deletes the requirement to be a serious offender that the person must be fifteen years of age or older.

Establishes a requirement for the use of probation bonds as a new disposition alternative.

Revises the tables for offense categories and sentencing guidelines.