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Brief Description: Changing provisions relating to segregation of children offenders from adult offenders. (REVISED FOR PASSED LEGISLATURE: Changing provisions relating to children offenders.)

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that an offender who reaches eighteen years of age may remain in a housing unit for offenders under the age of eighteen if the secretary of corrections determines that: (1) The offender's needs and the correctional goals for the offender could continue to be better met by the programs and housing environment that is separate from offenders eighteen years of age and older; and (2) the programs or housing environment for offenders under the age of eighteen will not be substantially affected by the continued placement of the offender in that environment.

Provides that the offender may remain placed in a housing unit for offenders under the age of eighteen until such time as the secretary of corrections determines that the offender's needs and correctional goals are no longer better met in that environment but in no case past the offender's twenty-first birthday.

Provides that, within available funds, a juvenile who has been found guilty of one of the following offenses shall be detained pending disposition: Rape in the first or second degree (RCW 9A.44.040 and 9A.44.050); or rape of a child in the first degree (RCW 9A.44.073).