

**ESHB 1815 - S AMD 274**

By Senator Christian

**NOT ADOPTED 04/08/2025**

1 On page 1, after line 5, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that increasing  
3 violence and disruptions have occurred at juvenile rehabilitation  
4 facilities and juvenile detention facilities. As a result, greater  
5 numbers of youth are being charged and convicted of prison riot  
6 offenses. The legislature further finds that since juvenile  
7 rehabilitation to age 25 policies have been implemented, longer and  
8 more severe sentences are being served at juvenile rehabilitation  
9 facilities, which has caused greater levels of violence and  
10 disruption in programming, according to the preliminary report on  
11 juvenile rehabilitation to age 25 provided to the legislature by the  
12 Washington state institute for public policy. The legislature further  
13 finds that, in the interest of rehabilitation, persons who engage in  
14 conduct similar to prison riot in a juvenile confinement setting  
15 should be subject to a separate offense than persons placed in adult  
16 correctional institutions."

17 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any  
18 internal references accordingly.

19 On page 5, after line 35, insert the following:

20 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 9.94  
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 (1)(a) A person is guilty of juvenile confinement riot whenever  
23 four or more incarcerated persons of an institution or detention  
24 facility knowingly assemble with the intent to disrupt the good order  
25 of the institution; and

26 (b) Act contrary to the commands of the officers of the  
27 institution, by the use of force or violence, or the threat thereof;  
28 and

29 (c) Take any of the following actions:

30 (i) Kidnap or unlawfully imprison another person;

1 (ii) Seize control over the institution or facility or any part  
2 thereof;  
3 (iii) Cause extreme property damage;  
4 (iv) Take actions that require outside law enforcement to  
5 respond;  
6 (v) Cause a fire or explosion;  
7 (vi) Assault another person;  
8 (vii) Cause a loss of life; or  
9 (viii) Otherwise disturb the peace of the institution or facility  
10 such that it impedes the rehabilitative goals of the institution.  
11 (2) The crime of juvenile confinement riot is a class B felony.  
12 (3) "Institution" and "detention facility" as used in this  
13 section have the same meaning as in RCW 13.40.020."  
14 Renumber the remaining section consecutively and correct any  
15 internal references accordingly.

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16 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "13.40 RCW;" strike  
17 "creating a new section" and insert "adding a new section to chapter  
18 9.94 RCW; creating new sections; prescribing penalties;"

EFFECT: Creates the offense of juvenile confinement riot, which is a class B felony, and adds an intent section.

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