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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to incarceration facilities for persons under 18 years of age; amending ORS 137.124 and 420.011.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 137.124 is amended to read:

137.124. (1) If the court imposes a sentence upon conviction of a felony that includes a term of incarceration that exceeds 12 months:

(a) The court shall not designate the correctional facility in which the defendant is to be confined but shall commit the defendant to the legal and physical custody of the Department of Corrections; and

(b) If the judgment provides that the term of incarceration be served consecutively to a term of incarceration of 12 months or less that was imposed in a previous proceeding by a court of this state upon conviction of a felony, the defendant shall serve any remaining part of the previously imposed term of incarceration in the legal and physical custody of the Department of Corrections.

(2)(a) If the court imposes a sentence upon conviction of a felony that includes a term of incarceration that is 12 months or less, the court shall commit the defendant to the legal and physical custody of the supervisory authority of the county in which the crime of conviction occurred.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, when the court imposes a sentence upon conviction of a felony that includes a term of incarceration that is 12 months or less, the court shall commit the defendant to the legal and physical custody of the Department of Corrections if the court orders that the term of incarceration be served consecutively to a term of incarceration that exceeds 12 months that was imposed in a previous proceeding or in the same proceeding by a court of this state upon conviction of a felony.

(3) After assuming custody of the convicted person the Department of Corrections may transfer inmates from one correctional facility to another such facility for the purposes of diagnosis and study, rehabilitation and treatment, as best seems to fit the needs of the inmate and for the protection and welfare of the community and the inmate.

(4) If the court imposes a sentence of imprisonment upon conviction of a misdemeanor, it shall commit the defendant to the custody of the supervisory authority of the county in which the crime of conviction occurred.

(5)(a) When a person under 18 years of age at the time of committing the offense and under 20 years of age at the time of sentencing is committed to the Department of Corrections under ORS

137.707, the Department of Corrections shall transfer the physical custody of the person to the Oregon Youth Authority as provided in ORS 420.011 if:

(A) The person will complete the sentence imposed before the person attains 25 years of age; [or]

(B) The Department of Corrections and the Oregon Youth Authority determine that, because of the person's age, immaturity, mental or emotional condition or risk of physical harm to the person, the person should not be incarcerated initially in a Department of Corrections institution[.]; or

(C) The person is under 18 years of age at the time of sentencing and commitment.

(b) A person placed in the custody of the Oregon Youth Authority under this subsection **who is at least 18 years of age** shall be returned to the physical custody of the Department of Corrections whenever the Director of the Oregon Youth Authority, after consultation with the Department of Corrections, determines that the conditions or circumstances that warranted the transfer of custody under this subsection are no longer present.

(c) Notwithstanding ORS 137.320, the sheriff may by agreement with the Department of Corrections transfer the person described in this subsection directly to a youth correction facility for physical custody without first delivering the person to the Department of Corrections. As part of the agreement with the Department of Corrections, the sheriff may designate the county juvenile department or the Oregon Youth Authority to conduct the direct transfer described in this paragraph if the sheriff has entered into a written agreement with the county juvenile department, the Oregon Youth Authority, or both, to provide the direct transfer.

(6)(a) When a person under 18 years of age at the time of committing the offense and under 20 years of age at the time of sentencing is committed to the legal and physical custody of the Department of Corrections or the supervisory authority of a county following waiver under ORS 419C.349, 419C.352, 419C.364 or 419C.370 or sentencing under ORS 137.707 (5)(b)(A) or (7)(b) or 137.712, the Department of Corrections or the supervisory authority of a county shall transfer the person to the physical custody of the Oregon Youth Authority for placement as provided in ORS 420.011 (3). The terms and conditions of the person's incarceration and custody are governed by ORS 420A.200 to 420A.206. Notwithstanding ORS 137.320, the sheriff may by agreement with the Department of Corrections or the supervisory authority of a county transfer the person described in this subsection directly to a youth correction facility for physical custody without first delivering the person to the Department of Corrections or supervisory authority of the county. As part of the agreement with the Department of Corrections or supervisory authority of the county, the sheriff may designate the county juvenile department or the Oregon Youth Authority to conduct the direct transfer described in this paragraph if the sheriff has entered into a written agreement with the county juvenile department, the Oregon Youth Authority, or both, to provide the direct transfer.

(b) Notwithstanding ORS 137.320, when a person under 16 years of age is waived under ORS 419C.349, 419C.352, 419C.364 or 419C.370 and subsequently is sentenced to a term of imprisonment in the county jail, the sheriff shall transfer the person to a youth correction facility for physical custody as provided in ORS 420.011 (3).

(7) If the Director of the Oregon Youth Authority concurs in the decision, the Department of Corrections or the supervisory authority of a county shall transfer the physical custody of a person committed to the Department of Corrections or the supervisory authority of the county under subsection (1) or (2) of this section to the Oregon Youth Authority as provided in ORS 420.011 (2) if:

(a) The person was at least 18 years of age but under 20 years of age at the time of committing the felony for which the person is being sentenced to a term of incarceration;

(b) The person is under 20 years of age at the time of commitment to the Department of Corrections or the supervisory authority of the county;

(c) The person has not been committed previously to the legal and physical custody of the Department of Corrections or the supervisory authority of a county;

(d) The person has not been convicted and sentenced to a term of incarceration for the commission of a felony in any other state;

(e) The person will complete the term of incarceration imposed before the person attains 25 years of age;

(f) The person is likely in the foreseeable future to benefit from the rehabilitative and treatment programs administered by the Oregon Youth Authority;

(g) The person does not pose a substantial danger to Oregon Youth Authority staff or persons in the custody of the Oregon Youth Authority; and

(h) At the time of the proposed transfer, no more than 50 persons are in the physical custody of the Oregon Youth Authority under this subsection.

(8) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (5)(a)(A) or (7) of this section, the department or the supervisory authority of a county may not transfer the physical custody of the person under subsection (5)(a)(A) or (7) of this section if the Director of the Oregon Youth Authority, after consultation with the Department of Corrections or the supervisory authority of a county, determines that, because of the person's age, mental or emotional condition or risk of physical harm to other persons, the person should not be incarcerated in a youth correction facility.

(9) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, under no circumstances may a person under 18 years of age be incarcerated in a Department of Corrections institution.

SECTION 2. ORS 420.011 is amended to read:

420.011. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, admissions to the youth correction facilities are limited to youth offenders who are at least 12 but less than 19 years of age, found by the juvenile court to have committed an act that if committed by an adult would constitute aggravated murder, murder, a felony or a Class A misdemeanor and placed in the legal custody of the Oregon Youth Authority. A youth offender admitted to a youth correction facility may not be transferred by administrative process to any penal or correctional institution.

(2)(a) In addition to the persons placed in the legal custody of the youth authority under ORS 419C.478 (1) or 419C.481, and with the concurrence of the Director of the Oregon Youth Authority or the director's designee, persons who are committed to the Department of Corrections under ORS 137.124 and meet the requirements of ORS 137.124 (5) or (7) may be temporarily assigned to a youth correction facility as provided by ORS 137.124 (5) or (7). A person assigned on such a temporary basis remains within the legal custody of the Department of Corrections and such reassignment is subject to termination by the Director of the Oregon Youth Authority by referring the person back to the Department of Corrections as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection.

(b) After a person is transferred to the physical custody of the youth authority under ORS 137.124 (5) or (7), the Director of the Oregon Youth Authority may refer the person back to the Department of Corrections for physical custody and placement if the director, after consulting with the Department of Corrections, determines that the person **is at least 18 years of age and:**

(A) Poses a substantial danger to youth authority staff or persons in the custody of the youth authority; or

(B) Is not likely, in the foreseeable future, to benefit from the rehabilitation and treatment programs administered by the youth authority and is appropriate for placement in a Department of Corrections institution.

(3) Any person under 18 years of age at the time of committing the crime and under 20 years of age at the time of sentencing and commitment who, after waiver under ORS 419C.349, 419C.352, 419C.364 or 419C.370 or sentencing under ORS 137.707 (5)(b)(A) or (7)(b) or 137.712, is sentenced to a term of imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections, and any person under 16 years of age who after waiver under ORS 419C.349, 419C.352, 419C.364 or 419C.370 or sentencing under ORS 137.707 (5)(b)(A) or (7)(b) or 137.712 is sentenced to a term of imprisonment in the county jail, shall be temporarily assigned to a youth correction facility by the Department of Corrections, or by the sheriff to whose custody the person has been committed, pursuant to ORS 137.124 (6). The director shall designate the appropriate youth correction facility or schools for such assignment. A person assigned to a youth correction facility under ORS 137.124 (6) and this subsection remains within the legal custody of the Department of Corrections or sheriff to whose custody the person was committed. The assignment of such a person to the youth correction facility is subject, when

the person is [16] 18 years of age or older, to termination by the director by referring the person back to the Department of Corrections or the sheriff to serve the balance of the person's sentence. Assignment to a youth correction facility pursuant to ORS 137.124 (6) and this subsection, if not terminated earlier by the director, shall terminate upon the person's attaining the age specified in ORS 420A.010 (5) setting the age limits for which the Oregon Youth Authority may retain legal and physical custody of the person, and the person shall be referred to the Department of Corrections or the sheriff having legal custody of the person to serve the balance of the person's sentence.

(4) Whenever a person committed to the custody of the Department of Corrections is temporarily assigned to a youth correction facility pursuant to this section, the youth authority may provide programs and treatment for the person, and may adopt rules relating to conditions of confinement at the youth correction facility, as the youth authority determines are appropriate. However, the person remains subject to laws and rules of the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision relating to parole.

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