

HB 1394 - Creating a developmentally appropriate response to youth who commit sexual offenses.

During the 2023 Legislative Session, lawmakers passed HB 1394¹ which makes numerous changes to registration requirements, supervision eligibility, and treatment availability for youth who have been adjudicated of a sex offense.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The new law takes effect on **July 23, 2023**.

The local Sheriff's office will start mailing letters on **Nov. 1, 2023**, to registrants relieved of their duty to register.

CHANGES BY CATEGORY

Category	New Law (HB 1394)
Supervision	Any juvenile releasing from a JR facility with a sex offense ² requires 24-36 months of SOP.
Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Juveniles with a class A or B sex offense at the age of 16 or 17 years old and did not receive a SSODA sentence. Rape 1 when the person was age 14 or 15 on the offense date. Rape 2 when the person was age 14 or 15 on the offense date and did not receive a SSODA sentence. Committed a sex offense and on the offense date the juvenile had a prior sex offense conviction or a deferred sentence for a sex offense. Any kidnapping offense. Juveniles from out of state, tribal or federal conviction for a sex offense.
Registration Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 years for juveniles with a class A offense committed at age of 15 -17 2 years for all other juveniles
Failure to Register	Failure to register is a gross misdemeanor if having to register as a result of a juvenile conviction.
SSODA/local sanction youth	Juveniles do not register if participating in the SSODA program.
Judicial discretion³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Juveniles ages 14-17 who do not receive a SSODA disposition. Have been adjudicated of multiple sex offenses involving two or more distinct victims in separate counts or causes Present a serious threat to public safety since last release from confinement or disposition date and requires registration for community safety.

1 For more information on HB 1394, go to: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1394&Year=2023&Initiative=false>

2 Excludes Assault 4 w/Sexual Motivation

3 When a Judge can order registration if not otherwise required to register



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