

**RCW 9.94A.501 Department must supervise specified offenders—
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(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the department shall supervise an offender sentenced to community custody regardless of risk classification if the offender:

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(c) Has an indeterminate sentence and is subject to parole pursuant to RCW 9.95.017;

(d) Has a current conviction for violating RCW 9A.44.132(1) (failure to register) and was sentenced to a term of community custody pursuant to RCW 9.94A.701;

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(5) The department shall supervise any offender who is released by the indeterminate sentence review board and who was sentenced to community custody or subject to community custody under the terms of release.

(6) The department is not authorized to, and may not, supervise any offender sentenced to a term of community custody or any probationer unless the offender or probationer is one for whom supervision is required under this section or *RCW 9.94A.5011.

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(8) The period of time the department is authorized to supervise an offender under this section may not exceed the duration of community custody specified under RCW 9.94B.050, 9.94A.701 (1) through (9), or 9.94A.702, except in cases where the court has imposed an exceptional term of community custody under RCW 9.94A.535.

(9) The period of time the department is authorized to supervise an offender under this section may be reduced by the earned award of supervision compliance credit pursuant to RCW 9.94A.717. [2024 c 63 s 3; 2021 c 242 s 2; 2020 c 275 s 1; 2019 c 191 s 2; 2016 sp.s. c 28 s 1. Prior: 2015 c 290 s 1; 2015 c 134 s 1; 2013 2nd sp.s. c 35 s 15; 2011 1st sp.s. c 40 s 2; prior: 2010 c 267 s 10; 2010 c 224 s 3; 2009 c 376 s 2; (2009 c 376 s 1 expired August 1, 2009); 2009 c 375 s 2; (2009 c 375 s 1 expired August 1, 2009); 2008 c 231 s 24; 2005 c 362 s 1; 2003 c 379 s 3.]

***Reviser's note:** RCW 9.94A.5011 expired August 1, 2014.

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Applicability—2021 c 242: See note following RCW 9.94A.695.

Implementation—2020 c 275: "The department of corrections has discretion to implement RCW 9.94A.501 and 9.94A.717 over a period of time not to exceed twelve months. For any offender under active supervision by the department as of June 11, 2020, he or she is not eligible to earn supervision compliance credit pursuant to RCW 9.94A.717 until he or she has received an orientation by the department regarding supervision compliance credit." [2020 c 275 s 3.]

Effective date—2015 c 134: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately [April 29, 2015]." [2015 c 134 s 9.]

Application—Recalculation of community custody terms—2011 1st sp.s. c 40: "(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the provisions of this act apply to persons convicted before, on, or after June 15, 2011.

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Application—2010 c 267: See note following RCW 9A.44.128.

Expiration date—2009 c 376 s 1: "Section 1 of this act expires August 1, 2009." [2009 c 376 s 4.]

Expiration date—2009 c 375 ss 1, 3, and 13: "Sections 1, 3, and 13 of this act expire August 1, 2009." [2009 c 375 s 19.]

Application—2009 c 375: "This act applies retroactively and prospectively regardless of whether the offender is currently on community custody or probation with the department, currently incarcerated with a term of community custody or probation with the department, or sentenced after July 26, 2009." [2009 c 375 s 20.]

Intent—Application—Application of repealers—Effective date—2008 c 231: See notes following RCW 9.94A.701.

Severability—2008 c 231: See note following RCW 9.94A.500.

Effective date—2005 c 362: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately [May 10, 2005]." [2005 c 362 s 5.]

Severability—Effective dates—2003 c 379: See notes following RCW 9.94A.728.

Conditions of probation: RCW 9.95.210.

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Reviser's note: *(1) RCW 9.94A.5011 expired August 1, 2014.

(2) This section was amended by 2024 c 63 s 3 and by 2024 c 306 s 4, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section under RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

Effective date—2024 c 306: See note following RCW 9.94A.661.

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