

ENROLLED ACT NO. 3, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2021 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to the youthful offender program; amending the program name, eligibility requirements and programming emphases; authorizing the use of peer specialists; providing a definition; and providing for an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

**Section 1.** W.S. 7-13-1001(a) by creating a new paragraph (ii) and by renumbering (ii) as (iii), 7-13-1002(a) by creating a new paragraph (i) and by amending and renumbering (i) and (ii) as (ii) and (iii) and 7-13-1003(a), (b)(intro), (ii), by creating a new paragraph (iv), (c)(i), (ii) and (d) are amended to read:

ARTICLE 10  
YOUTHFUL OFFENDER TRANSITION PROGRAM

**7-13-1001. Definitions.**

(a) As used in this article:

(ii) "Peer specialists" means long-term inmates who have completed certified training and been selected and assigned by the department to provide positive guided peer support to offenders involved in the program under the direction of program staff, provided that peer specialists shall not have direct supervision over other inmates;

(ii)(iii) "Reduction of sentence" includes changing a sentence of incarceration to a grant of probation.

**7-13-1002. Sentence reduction for youthful offenders.**

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(a) The sentencing court may reduce the sentence of any convicted felon who:

(i) Is recommended by the sentencing court for placement in the youthful offender transition program;

~~(i)~~(ii) Is certified by the department as having successfully completed the youthful offender transition program under W.S. 7-13-1003; and

~~(ii)~~(iii) Makes application to the court for a reduction in sentence within one (1) year after the individual began serving a sentence of incarceration at a state penal institution.

**7-13-1003. Establishment of program; eligibility; rulemaking authority.**

(a) The department shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations to establish a youthful offender transition program for inmates incarcerated in a state penal institution.

(b) In addition to any other eligibility requirements adopted by the department, an inmate is eligible for placement in the youthful offender transition program only if he:

(ii) Has not attained the age of ~~twenty-five~~ (25)thirty (30) years;

(iv) Is able to participate in the structured programming, education, work and physical fitness activities required of program participants in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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(c) The program created by the department shall include:

(i) Separation of program participants from the general inmate population except inmates assigned to work in the program as peer specialists;

(ii) ~~Emphasis~~ Emphases upon structured programming, education, work and physical activity compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act as a major element of the program.

(d) Participation by an inmate in the youthful offender transition program is a matter of grace and not of right. Approval of an inmate's participation in the program may be revoked by the department at any time if the inmate fails to comply with program requirements. The inmate shall not have any right to appeal the denial of his participation in the program.

**Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2021.

(END)