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LLS NO. 08-0419.01 Julie Pelegrin

SENATE BILL 08-066

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Williams, Boyd, and Shaffer

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Marshall, Madden, and Todd

Senate Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A REDUCTION OF THE PENALTY FOR FIRST DEGREE**
102 **MURDER FOR CERTAIN JUVENILES CONVICTED AS ADULTS OF**
103 **FIRST DEGREE MURDER.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Reduces first degree murder to a class 2 felony if the defendant was under 18 years of age at the time of the offense, was convicted as an adult, and did not commit or assist in committing the homicidal act. Makes a defendant convicted of class 2 felony first degree murder eligible for sentencing to the youthful offender system. Makes conforming amendments.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

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4 **SECTION 1.** 19-2-517 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
5 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

6 **19-2-517. Direct filing.** (3) (a.5) NOTWITHSTANDING THE
7 PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS
8 SUBSECTION (3), A JUVENILE WHO IS CHARGED WITH FIRST DEGREE
9 MURDER AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-3-102 (1) (b), C.R.S., AND PLEADS
10 GUILTY TO A CLASS 2 FELONY AS A RESULT OF A PLEA AGREEMENT ___ ___
11 IS ELIGIBLE FOR SENTENCING TO THE YOUTHFUL OFFENDER SYSTEM IF THE
12 JUVENILE WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR SENTENCING TO THE YOUTHFUL
13 OFFENDER SYSTEM FOR A CONVICTION OF THE FELONY UNDERLYING THE
14 CHARGE OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-3-102 (1)
15 (b), C.R.S.

16 **SECTION 2.** 19-2-518 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
17 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

18 **19-2-518. Transfers.** (1) (d.5) NOTWITHSTANDING THE
19 PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH (d) OF THIS
20 SUBSECTION (1), A JUVENILE WHO IS CHARGED WITH FIRST DEGREE
21 MURDER AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-3-102 (1) (b), C.R.S., AND PLEADS
22 GUILTY TO A CLASS 2 FELONY AS A RESULT OF A PLEA AGREEMENT ___ ___
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25 OFFENDER SYSTEM FOR A CONVICTION OF THE FELONY UNDERLYING THE
26 CHARGE OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-3-102 (1)
(b), C.R.S.

1 **SECTION 3.** 18-1.3-407 (1) (b) and (2) (a) (I), Colorado Revised
2 Statutes, are amended to read:

3 **18-1.3-407. Sentences - youthful offenders - legislative**
4 **declaration - powers and duties of district court - authorization for**
5 **youthful offender system - powers and duties of department of**
6 **corrections.** (1) (b) It is the further intent of the general assembly in
7 enacting this section that female and male offenders for whom charges
8 have been directly filed in the district court and who have been convicted
9 in the district court receive equitable treatment in sentencing, particularly
10 in regard to the option of being sentenced to the youthful offender system
11 pursuant to section 19-2-517 (3) or ~~19-2-518 (1) (d) (H)~~ 19-2-518 (1) (d)
12 (II) OR (1) (d.5), C.R.S. Accordingly, it is the general assembly's intent
13 that necessary measures be taken by the department of corrections to
14 establish separate housing for female and male offenders who are
15 sentenced to the youthful offender system without compromising the
16 equitable treatment of either.

17 (2) (a) (I) A juvenile may be sentenced to the youthful offender
18 system created pursuant to this section under the circumstances set forth
19 in ~~section 19-2-517 (3) (a) (H) or 19-2-518 (1) (d) (H)~~ SECTION 19-2-517
20 (3) (a) (II) OR (3) (a.5) OR 19-2-518 (1) (d) (II) OR (1) (d.5), C.R.S. In
21 order to sentence a juvenile to the youthful offender system, the court
22 shall first impose upon such person a sentence to the department of
23 corrections in accordance with section 18-1.3-401. The court shall
24 thereafter suspend such sentence conditioned on completion of a sentence
25 to the youthful offender system, including a period of community
26 supervision. The court shall impose any such sentence to the youthful
27 offender system for a determinate period of not fewer than two years nor

1 more than six years; except that a juvenile convicted of a class 2 felony
2 may be sentenced for a determinate period of up to seven years. In
3 imposing such sentence, the court shall grant authority to the department
4 of corrections to place a youthful offender under a period of community
5 supervision for a period of not fewer than six months and up to twelve
6 months any time after the date on which the youthful offender has twelve
7 months remaining to complete the determinate sentence. The court may
8 award a juvenile sentenced to the youthful offender system credit for
9 presentence confinement; except that such credit shall not reduce the
10 juvenile's actual time served in the youthful offender system to fewer than
11 two years. The court shall have a presentence investigation conducted
12 before sentencing a juvenile pursuant to this section.

13 **SECTION 4. Effective date - applicability.** This act shall take
14 effect upon passage and shall apply to offenses committed on or after said
15 date.

16 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
17 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.