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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Smith, Oke, Wood, Winsley, Hale, Prince, Long and Schow; by request of Governor Lowry and Attorney General)

Brief Description: Modifying juvenile disposition.

SB 5491-S - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Revises RCW 13.40.020 to delete the requirement that a "serious offender" means a person fifteen years of age or older.

Revises sentencing standards for juveniles.

Revises notice requirements for juvenile detention hearings.

Requires assurance that racial and ethnic minority families are not disproportionately affected by the juvenile justice system.

Requires parents or guardians to attend hearings.

Declares that the juvenile disposition standards commission shall cease to exist on June 30, 1997, and its powers and duties shall be transferred to the sentencing guidelines commission.

Emphasizes the need for confinement for violent and repeat offenders.

Requires annual reports on security at juvenile facilities.

Designates recommended prosecuting standards for charging and plea dispositions.