

Senate Bill 307

Sponsored by Senator HANSELL (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Establishes mandatory minimum sentence of 48 months' imprisonment for assault committed by correctional facility inmate against corrections officer.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to assaults committed against corrections officers; amending ORS 163.208 and 421.121.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 163.208 is amended to read:

163.208. (1) A person commits the crime of assaulting a public safety officer if the person intentionally or knowingly causes physical injury to the other person, knowing the other person to be a peace officer, corrections officer, youth correction officer, parole and probation officer, animal control officer, firefighter or staff member, and while the other person is acting in the course of official duty.

(2) Assaulting a public safety officer is a Class C felony.

(3)(a) Except as otherwise provided in [*paragraph (b)*] **paragraphs (b) and (c)** of this subsection, a person convicted under this section shall be sentenced to not less than seven days of imprisonment and shall not be granted bench parole or suspension of sentence nor released on a sentence of probation before serving at least seven days of the sentence of confinement.

(b) A person convicted under this section shall be sentenced to not less than 14 days of imprisonment and shall not be granted bench parole or suspension of sentence nor released on a sentence of probation before serving at least 14 days of the sentence of confinement if the victim is a peace officer.

(c) If, at the time of the offense, the person was an inmate at a correctional facility and the victim was a corrections officer, as defined in ORS 181A.355, the court shall sentence a person convicted under this section to a mandatory minimum sentence of 48 months of imprisonment. The court may not sentence the person to probation or to a lesser term of imprisonment. The person shall serve the entire sentence imposed by the court and is not eligible for release on post-prison supervision, any form of temporary leave from custody, any reduction in the term of sentence in accordance with ORS 421.120 or any reduction in the term of incarceration in accordance with ORS 421.121.

(4) As used in this section:

(a) "Animal control officer" has the meaning given that term in ORS 609.500; and

(b) "Staff member" means:

(A) A corrections officer as defined in ORS 181A.355, a youth correction officer, a Department of Corrections or Oregon Youth Authority staff member or a person employed pursuant to a con-

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 tract with the department or youth authority to work with, or in the vicinity of, inmates or youth
2 offenders; and

3 (B) A volunteer authorized by the department, youth authority or other entity in charge of a
4 corrections facility to work with, or in the vicinity of, inmates or youth offenders.

5 **SECTION 2.** ORS 421.121 is amended to read:

6 421.121. (1) Except as provided in ORS 137.635, 137.700, 137.707, 163.105, [and] 163.115 **and**
7 **163.208**, each inmate sentenced to the custody of the Department of Corrections for felonies com-
8 mitted on or after November 1, 1989, is eligible for a reduction in the term of incarceration for:

9 (a) Appropriate institutional behavior, as defined by rule of the Department of Corrections; and

10 (b) Participation in the adult basic skills development program described in ORS 421.084.

11 (2) The maximum amount of time credits earned for appropriate institutional behavior or for
12 participation in the adult basic skills development program described in ORS 421.084 may not exceed
13 20 percent of the total term of incarceration in a Department of Corrections institution.

14 (3) The time credits may not be used to shorten the term of actual prison confinement to less
15 than six months.

16 (4) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to the rulemaking provisions of ORS chapter 183
17 to establish a process for granting, retracting and restoring the time credits earned by the offender
18 as allowed in subsections (1) to (3) of this section.

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