

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 48th Legislature (2001)

HOUSE BILL HB1161

By: Askins

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Youthful Offender Act; amending Section 19, Chapter 290, O.S.L. 1994, as renumbered by Section 199, Chapter 352, O.S.L. 1995 and as last amended by Section 24, Chapter 293, O.S.L. 1997 (10 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 7306-2.2), which relates to definitions and purpose of act; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 19, Chapter 290, O.S.L. 1994, as renumbered by Section 199, Chapter 352, O.S.L. 1995 and as last amended by Section 24, Chapter 293, O.S.L. 1997 (10 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 7306-2.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 7306-2.2 A. For the purposes of the Youthful Offender Act:

1. "Youthful offender" means a person:
 - a. thirteen (13), fourteen (14), fifteen (15), sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age who is charged with murder in the first degree and certified as a youthful offender as provided by Section 7306-2.5 of this title,
 - b. fifteen (15), sixteen (16), or seventeen (17) years of age and charged with a crime listed in subsection A of Section 7306-2.6 of this title, and
 - c. sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age and charged with a crime listed in subsection B of Section 7306-2.6 of this title,

if the offense was committed on or after January 1, 1998; and

2. "Sentenced as a youthful offender" means the imposition of a court order making disposition of a youthful offender as provided by Section 7306-2.9 of this title.

B. It is the purpose of the Youthful Offender Act to better ensure the public safety by holding youths accountable for the commission of serious crimes, while affording courts methods of rehabilitation for those youths the courts determine, at their discretion, may be amenable to such methods. It is the further purpose of the Youthful Offender Act to allow those ~~youthful offenders~~ youths whom the courts find to be amenable to rehabilitation by the methods prescribed in the Youthful Offender Act to be placed in the custody or under the supervision of the Office of Juvenile Affairs for the purpose of accessing the rehabilitative programs provided by that Office and thereby, upon good conduct and successful completion of such programs, avoid conviction for a crime.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2001.

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