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**DRCCD10 Certain firearms-related offense penalties****R.C. 2923.13, 2923.20, 2923.21**

(1) Increases the penalty for "having weapons while under disability" as follows:

(a) From a third degree felony to a second degree felony when the offender has previously been convicted of an offense of having weapons while under disability;

(b) From a third degree felony to a second degree felony when the offender is under indictment for or has been convicted of any felony offense of violence or has been adjudicated a delinquent child for the commission of an offense that, if committed by an adult, would have been a felony offense of violence; and

(c) From a third degree felony to a first degree felony when the offender has previously been convicted of an offense of having weapons while under disability and is under indictment for or has been convicted of any felony offense of violence or has been adjudicated a delinquent child for the commission of an offense that, if committed by an adult, would have been a felony offense of violence.

(2) Increases the penalty for "unlawful transactions in weapons" as follows:

(a) From a fourth degree felony to a third degree felony if the violation is recklessly selling, lending, giving, or furnishing a firearm or dangerous ordnance to any person prohibited by state law from acquiring or using a firearm or dangerous ordnance, or possessing a firearm or dangerous ordnance with purpose to dispose of it; and

(b) From a third degree felony to a second degree felony if the violation is (i) knowingly soliciting, persuading, encouraging, or enticing a federally licensed firearms dealer or private seller to transfer a firearm or ammunition to any person in a manner prohibited by state or federal law, (ii) knowingly providing materially false information to a federally licensed firearms dealer or private seller with an intent to deceive, or (iii) knowingly procuring, soliciting, persuading, encouraging, or enticing a person to act in violation of either of the preceding (i) or (ii).

(3) Increases the penalty for "improperly furnishing firearms to a minor" from a fifth degree felony to a third degree felony.

**Fiscal effect: Annual cost increase for the Department due to the potential for longer prison terms imposed on certain offenders or certain offenders being sentenced to a prison term that otherwise may not have been imposed under current law.**

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**DRCCD11 Firearms specification penalties****R.C. 2929.14, 2941.141, 2941.144, 2941.145**

Increases the penalty for conviction of a firearm specification charging the offender with having a firearm on or about the offender's person or under the offender's control while committing a felony and displaying, brandishing, indicating possession of, or using the firearm:

- (1) From three years to three, four, or five years; or
- (2) From 54 months to 54, 66, or 78 months if the offender previously was convicted of a firearms specification, subject to a limitation on duration if the offender also is convicted of a repeat violent offender or violent career criminal specification.

**Fiscal effect: Annual cost increase for the Department due to the potential for longer prison terms imposed on certain offenders or certain offenders being sentenced to a prison term that otherwise may not have been imposed under current law.**

**DRCCD8 Community control sanctions, judicial release, and 80% release mechanism****R.C. 2929.15, 2929.20, 2929.25, 2967.19**

(1) Modifies the existing authorized duration of community control sanctions a court is permitted to impose on an offender for a felony from a maximum of five years for all felonies to:

- (a) Maximum of five years for first, second, and third degree felonies and felony sex offenses;
- (b) Maximum of three years for fourth degree felonies that are not felony sex offenses; and
- (c) Maximum of two years for fifth degree felonies that are not felony sex offenses.

(2) Modifies the existing authorized duration of community control sanctions a court is permitted to impose on an offender for a misdemeanor from a maximum of five years to a maximum of two years.

(3) Modifies the authorized duration of community control sanctions which a court is permitted to impose on a prisoner released on judicial release or under the 80% release mechanism from a maximum of five years for all offenders to:

- (a) Maximum of five years if the most serious offense from which the release is granted is a first, second, or third degree felony or a felony sex offense;

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(b) Maximum of three years if the most serious offense from which the release is granted is a fourth degree felony that is not a felony sex offense; and

(c) Two years if the most serious offense from which release is granted is a fifth degree felony that is not a felony sex offense.

**Fiscal effect: Administrative cost savings for the APA and county probation departments, as their respective monthly community supervision caseloads will be reduced to some degree.**

**DRCCD5 Adult Parole Authority – grant of administrative release****R.C. 2967.17**

(1) Expands the existing provision that allows the Adult Parole Authority to grant an administrative release to certain offenders in specified circumstances and under specified conditions to also allow the Authority to grant an administrative release under the specified conditions to a "releasee" serving another felony sentence in a prison or taken into custody by the U.S. Department of Justice and deported from the U.S.

(2) Defines "releasee" as an inmate who has been released from confinement at the expiration of a prison term under a period of post-release control that includes one or more post-release control sanctions.

**Fiscal effect: Potential administrative cost savings for the APA, as certain offenders will no longer be under the Authority's jurisdiction.**

**DRCCD9 Post-release control sanctions****R.C. 2967.28**

(1) Changes the duration of mandatory post-release control (PRC):

(a) From five years to "up to five years, but not less than two years" for a first degree felony that is not a felony sex offense;

(b) From three years to "up to three years, but not less than 18 months" for a second degree felony that is not a felony sex offense; and

(c) From three years to "up to three years, but not less than one year" for a third degree felony that is an offense of violence and is not a felony sex offense.

(2) Changes the duration of discretionary PRC from "up to three years" to "up to two years" for a third, fourth, or fifth degree felony that is not subject to mandatory PRC.

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(3) Removes juvenile court delinquent child adjudications as items that must be considered by the Parole Board or court in determining PRC sanctions.

(4) Changes from mandatory to discretionary the use of active GPS monitoring for the first 14 days of a prisoner on PRC who is released before the expiration of the prisoner's term and who earned over 60 days of earned credit.

(5) Modifies the mechanism for shortening or terminating PRC of an offender who is complying with the PRC sanctions.

(6) Specifies that if an offender is under a period of PRC and if, during the period of PRC, the offender serves as a sanction for violating PRC conditions, the maximum prison sanction time available as a PRC sanction, the PRC terminates.

(7) Provides rules for determining the manner in which PRC operates when an offender is simultaneously subject to a period of parole and a period of PRC or is subject to two simultaneous periods of PRC.

(8) Specifies that a period of PRC shall not be imposed consecutively to any other period of PRC.

**Fiscal effect: Administrative cost savings for the APA, as their monthly community supervision caseload will be reduced to some degree .**

**DRCCD6 Expands the community-based substance use disorder treatment program****R.C. 5120.035**

(1) Extends eligibility for the community-based substance use disorder treatment program to non-violent third degree felony offenders while continuing eligibility for non-violent fourth- and fifth-degree felony offenders.

(2) Removes a restriction that prevents those with any prior conviction of a felony offense of violence or a prior conviction of a misdemeanor offense of violence within the preceding five years from participating in the program.

**Fiscal effect: None.**

**DRCCD12 Internet access for prisoners****R.C. 5120.62, 5145.31**

Allows prisoner access to the internet for uses or purposes approved by the managing officer of a prison or their designee, rather than only while participating in an educational program that requires use of the internet for training or research, as under current law.

**Fiscal effect: None.**

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**DRCCD7 Subsidies for community-based corrections programs**

**R.C. 5149.31**

(1) Modifies the requirements for the program of subsidies provided by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to counties for community-based corrections programs by making the subsidies contingent upon the outcomes of any performance-based standards established by the Department, in addition to being contingent upon the number of offenders participating in such programs who satisfy the participation suitability standards established by the Department as under current law.

(2) Requires the Department's standards for community-based corrections programs to be designed to support evidence-based policies and practices, as defined by the Department.

**Fiscal effect: Certain counties may be awarded in larger or lesser amounts than otherwise may have been the case under current law.**

**DRCCD4 Expedited Pardon Initiative**

**Section: 383.10**

Earmarks up to \$500,000 in each fiscal year of GRF appropriation item 501321, Institutional Operations, to be used by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to distribute grants for advancing the expedited pardon initiative and encouraging eligible individuals to participate.

**DRCCD1 OSU medical charges**

**Section: 383.10**

1) Requires The Ohio State University Medical Center, including the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute and the Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital, at the request of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC), to provide necessary care to persons who are confined in state adult correctional facilities.

(2) Requires the provision of necessary inpatient care billed to DRC to be reimbursed at the rate not to exceed the authorized reimbursement rate for the same service established by the Department of Medicaid under the Medicaid Program.

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**DRCCD2 Adult Correctional Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments****Section: 383.10**

Requires GRF appropriation item 501406, Adult Correctional Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments, to be used to meet all payments during the period from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023, by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction pursuant to leases and agreements for buildings under R.C. Chapters 152. and 154. Specifies that the appropriations are the source of funds pledged for bond service charges on related obligations issued under R.C. Chapters 152. and 154.

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**DRCCD3 Probation Improvement and Incentive Grants****Section: 383.10**

Requires DPF Fund 5TZ0 appropriation item 501610, Probation Improvement and Incentive Grants, to be allocated by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to municipalities as grants with an emphasis on: (1) providing services to those addicted to opiates and other illegal substances, and (2) supplementing the programs and services funded by grants distributed from GRF appropriation item 501407, Community Nonresidential Programs.

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