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DIVISION 2.5. YOUTHS [1700 - 2250] (Division 2.5 added by Stats. 1941, Ch. 937.)

CHAPTER 1. The Youth Authority [1700 - 1915] (Heading of Chapter 1 amended by Stats. 1943, Ch. 690.)

ARTICLE 5. Commitment to State Prison After Expiration of Control [1780 - 1783] (Article 5 added by Stats. 1941, Ch. 937.)

1780. If the date of discharge occurs before the expiration of a period of control equal to the maximum term prescribed by law for the offense of which he or she was convicted, and if the Department of the Youth Authority believes that unrestrained freedom for that person would be dangerous to the public, the Department of the Youth Authority shall petition the court by which the commitment was made.

The petition shall be accompanied by a written statement of the facts upon which the department bases its opinion that discharge from its control at the time stated would be dangerous to the public, but a petition may not be dismissed merely because of its form or an asserted insufficiency of its allegations; every order shall be reviewed upon its merits.

(Amended by Stats. 2003, Ch. 4, Sec. 43. Effective April 8, 2003. Operative January 1, 2004, by Sec. 52 of Ch. 4.)

1781. Upon the filing of a petition under this article, the court shall notify the person whose liberty is involved, and if he or she is a minor, his or her parent or guardian if practicable, of the application and shall afford him or her an opportunity to appear in court with the aid of counsel and of process to compel attendance of witnesses and production of evidence. When he or she is unable to provide his or her own counsel, the court shall appoint counsel to represent him or her.

In the case of any person who is the subject of such a petition and who is under the control of the Youth Authority for the commission of any offense of rape in violation of paragraph (1) or (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 262 or subdivision (2) or subdivision (3) of Section 261 of the Penal Code, or murder, the Department of the Youth Authority shall send written notice of the petition and of any hearing set for the petition to each of the following persons: the attorney for the person who is the subject of the petition, the district attorney of the county from which the person was committed, and the law enforcement agency that investigated the case. The department shall also send written notice to the victim of the rape or the next of kin of the person murdered if he or she requests notice from the department and keeps it apprised of his or her current mailing address. Notice shall be sent at least 30 days before the hearing.

(Amended by Stats. 2003, Ch. 4, Sec. 44. Effective April 8, 2003. Operative January 1, 2004, by Sec. 52 of Ch. 4.)

1782. Such committing court may thereupon discharge the person, admit him or her to probation or may commit him or her to the state prison. The maximum term of imprisonment for a person committed to a state prison under this section shall be a period equal to the maximum term prescribed by law for the offense of which he or she was convicted less the period during which he or she was under the control of the Youth Authority.

(Amended by Stats. 1979, Ch. 860.)

1783. An appeal may be taken from the order of the court committing a person to the State prison under this chapter in the same manner as appeals are taken from convictions in the criminal cases under the Penal Code.

(Added by Stats. 1941, Ch. 937.)