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**WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE - WIC**

**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 1. General Provisions and Definitions [1700 - 1705]** ( *Article 1 added by Stats. 1941, Ch. 937.*  )

**1700.** The purpose of this chapter is to protect society from the consequences of criminal activity and to that purpose community restoration, victim restoration, and offender training and treatment shall be substituted for retributive punishment and shall be directed toward the rehabilitation of young persons who have committed public offenses.

(Amended by Stats. 2019, Ch. 25, Sec. 54. (SB 94) Effective June 27, 2019.)

**1701.** This chapter may be cited as the Youth Authority Act.

(Amended by Stats. 1943, Ch. 690.)

**1702.** This chapter shall apply only to public offenses committed subsequently to the date upon which it becomes effective.

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

**1703.** As used in this chapter the following terms have the following meanings:

(a) "Public offenses" means public offenses as that term is defined in the Penal Code.

(b) "Court" includes any official authorized to impose sentence for a public offense.

(c) "Youth Authority," "Authority," "authority," or "division" means the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Facilities.

(d) "Board" or "board" means the Board of Parole Hearings, until January 1, 2007, at which time "board" shall refer to the body created to hear juvenile parole matters under the jurisdiction of the Director of the Division of Juvenile Justice in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

(e) The masculine pronoun includes the feminine.

(Repealed and added by Stats. 2020, Ch. 337, Sec. 33. (SB 823) Effective September 30, 2020.)

**1704.** Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to interfere with or limit the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

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

**1705.** It is the intention of the Legislature that all persons in the custody of an institution under the supervision of the Department of the Youth Authority shall be afforded reasonable opportunities to exercise religious freedom.

(Added by Stats. 1972, Ch. 1349.)