judge may order the second or further sentence to begin at the expiration of the first or succeeding sentence. If a person is sentenced for escape under section seven hundred nineteen point four (719.4) of the Code Supplement or for a crime committed while confined in a detention facility or penal institution, the sentencing judge shall order the sentence to begin at the expiration of any existing sentence. If consecutive sentences are specified in the order of commitment, the several terms shall be construed as one continuous term of imprisonment.

Sec. 5. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force retroactive to January 1, 1978 to apply to persons sentenced on or after January 1, 1978.

Approved June 2, 1978

CHAPTER 1092

WOMEN'S REFORMATORY AND SECURITY MEDICAL FACILITY H. F. 2018

AN ACT to clarify the applicability of certain sections to the women's reformatory and the Iowa security medical facility.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Chapter two hundred forty-six (246), Code 1977, is amended by adding the following new section:

NEW SECTION. APPLICABILITY TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS. provisions of sections two hundred forty-six point thirtythree (246.33), two hundred forty-six point thirty-eight (246.38), two hundred forty-six point thirty-nine (246.39), two hundred forty-six point forty-one (246.41), two hundred forty-six point forty-two (246.42), and two hundred fortysix point forty-three (246.43) of the Code shall also apply to the inmates at the women's reformatory and the Iowa security medical facility.

Approved March 10. 1978