

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2009 and 2010 HB0045

Introduced 1/14/2009, by Rep. Arthur L. Turner

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Provides that a committed person who is at least 50 years of age and who has served at least 25 consecutive years of imprisonment in a Department of Corrections institution or facility and is serving a sentence other than death may petition the Prisoner Review Board for an elderly sentence adjustment. Provides that the Prisoner Review Board may not order the release of the committed person if the Prisoner Review Board finds that the committed person poses a threat to public safety. Provides that if the Prisoner Review Board determines that a committed person is eligible for an elderly sentence adjustment and determines that the committed person should receive a sentence adjustment, the Prisoner Review Board shall set the conditions for the committed person's release from prison before the expiration of the committed person's sentence. Provides that the Prisoner Review Board when adjusting a sentence shall require 10 hours of community service for each year served in prison and require electronic monitoring for at least 6 months. Provides that a petition for sentencing adjustment shall be submitted only once unless the Prisoner Review Board decides unusual circumstances warrant another hearing. Provides for notification of the families of victims if a petition for elderly sentence adjustment is filed. Provides that the Department of Corrections shall develop a pilot program patterned after the Impact of Crime on Victims Class (ICVC), including the Restorative Justice segment, used by the Missouri Department Corrections. Provides that the pilot program shall be implemented in one maximum security prison for women and one maximum security prison for men. Provides that the ICVC shall be made available to prisoners eligible for elderly sentence adjustment on a voluntary basis.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended by changing Sections 3-3-2 and 5-8-1 and by adding Section 5-8-1.4 as follows:
- 7 (730 ILCS 5/3-3-2) (from Ch. 38, par. 1003-3-2)
- 8 Sec. 3-3-2. Powers and Duties.
 - (a) The Parole and Pardon Board is abolished and the term "Parole and Pardon Board" as used in any law of Illinois, shall read "Prisoner Review Board." After the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1977, the Prisoner Review Board shall provide by rule for the orderly transition of all files, records, and documents of the Parole and Pardon Board and for such other steps as may be necessary to effect an orderly transition and shall:
 - (1) hear by at least one member and through a panel of at least 3 members decide, cases of prisoners who were sentenced under the law in effect prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1977, and who are eligible for parole;
- 22 (2) hear by at least one member and through a panel of 23 at least 3 members decide, the conditions of parole and the

time of discharge from parole, impose sanctions for violations of parole, and revoke parole for those sentenced under the law in effect prior to this amendatory Act of 1977; provided that the decision to parole and the conditions of parole for all prisoners who were sentenced for first degree murder or who received a minimum sentence of 20 years or more under the law in effect prior to February 1, 1978 shall be determined by a majority vote of the Prisoner Review Board:

- (3) hear by at least one member and through a panel of at least 3 members decide, the conditions of mandatory supervised release and the time of discharge from mandatory supervised release, impose sanctions for violations of mandatory supervised release, and revoke mandatory supervised release for those sentenced under the law in effect after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1977;
- (3.5) hear by at least one member and through a panel of at least 3 members decide, the conditions of mandatory supervised release and the time of discharge from mandatory supervised release, to impose sanctions for violations of mandatory supervised release and revoke mandatory supervised release for those serving extended supervised release terms pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (d) of Section 5-8-1;
 - (4) hear by at least 1 member and through a panel of at

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least 3 members, decide cases brought by the Department of Corrections against a prisoner in the custody of the Department for alleged violation of Department rules with respect to good conduct credits pursuant to Section 3-6-3 of this Code in which the Department seeks to revoke good conduct credits, if the amount of time at issue exceeds 30 days or when, during any 12 month period, the cumulative amount of credit revoked exceeds 30 days except where the infraction is committed or discovered within 60 days of scheduled release. In such cases, the Department of Corrections may revoke up to 30 days of good conduct credit. The Board may subsequently approve the revocation of additional good conduct credit, if the Department seeks to revoke good conduct credit in excess of thirty days. However, the Board shall not be empowered to review the Department's decision with respect to the loss of 30 days of good conduct credit for any prisoner or to increase any penalty beyond the length requested by the Department;

- (5) hear by at least one member and through a panel of at least 3 members decide, the release dates for certain prisoners sentenced under the law in existence prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1977, in accordance with Section 3-3-2.1 of this Code;
- (6) hear by at least one member and through a panel of at least 3 members decide, all requests for pardon, reprieve commutation, and make confidential or

recommendations to the Governor;

- (7) comply with the requirements of the Open Parole Hearings Act;
- (8) hear by at least one member and, through a panel of at least 3 members, decide cases brought by the Department of Corrections against a prisoner in the custody of the Department for court dismissal of a frivolous lawsuit pursuant to Section 3-6-3(d) of this Code in which the Department seeks to revoke up to 180 days of good conduct credit, and if the prisoner has not accumulated 180 days of good conduct credit at the time of the dismissal, then all good conduct credit accumulated by the prisoner shall be revoked; and
- (9) hear by at least 3 members, and, through a panel of at least 3 members, decide whether to grant certificates of relief from disabilities or certificates of good conduct as provided in Article 5.5 of Chapter V.
- (a-5) The Prisoner Review Board, with the cooperation of and in coordination with the Department of Corrections and the Department of Central Management Services, shall implement a pilot project in 3 correctional institutions providing for the conduct of hearings under paragraphs (1) and (4) of subsection (a) of this Section through interactive video conferences. The project shall be implemented within 6 months after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1996. Within 6 months after the implementation of the pilot project, the Prisoner

- 1 Review Board, with the cooperation of and in coordination with
- 2 the Department of Corrections and the Department of Central
- 3 Management Services, shall report to the Governor and the
- 4 General Assembly regarding the use, costs, effectiveness, and
- 5 future viability of interactive video conferences for Prisoner
- 6 Review Board hearings.
- 7 (b) Upon recommendation of the Department the Board may
- 8 restore good conduct credit previously revoked.
- 9 (c) The Board shall cooperate with the Department in
- 10 promoting an effective system of parole and mandatory
- 11 supervised release.
- 12 (d) The Board shall promulgate rules for the conduct of its
- work, and the Chairman shall file a copy of such rules and any
- 14 amendments thereto with the Director and with the Secretary of
- 15 State.
- 16 (e) The Board shall keep records of all of its official
- 17 actions and shall make them accessible in accordance with law
- 18 and the rules of the Board.
- 19 (f) The Board or one who has allegedly violated the
- 20 conditions of his parole or mandatory supervised release may
- 21 require by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses
- 22 and the production of documentary evidence relating to any
- 23 matter under investigation or hearing. The Chairman of the
- 24 Board may sign subpoenas which shall be served by any agent or
- 25 public official authorized by the Chairman of the Board, or by
- any person lawfully authorized to serve a subpoena under the

the production of documentary evidence, may be required from any place in the State to a hearing location in the State before the Chairman of the Board or his designated agent or agents or any duly constituted Committee or Subcommittee of the Board. Witnesses so summoned shall be paid the same fees and mileage that are paid witnesses in the circuit courts of the State, and witnesses whose depositions are taken and the persons taking those depositions are each entitled to the same

fees as are paid for like services in actions in the circuit

courts of the State. Fees and mileage shall be vouchered for

payment when the witness is discharged from further attendance.

laws of the State of Illinois. The attendance of witnesses, and

In case of disobedience to a subpoena, the Board may petition any circuit court of the State for an order requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses or the production of documentary evidence or both. A copy of such petition shall be served by personal service or by registered or certified mail upon the person who has failed to obey the subpoena, and such person shall be advised in writing that a hearing upon the petition will be requested in a court room to be designated in such notice before the judge hearing motions or extraordinary remedies at a specified time, on a specified date, not less than 10 nor more than 15 days after the deposit of the copy of the written notice and petition in the U.S. mails addressed to the person at his last known address or after the personal service of the copy of the notice and petition upon such

- 1 person. The court upon the filing of such a petition, may order
- 2 the person refusing to obey the subpoena to appear at an
- 3 investigation or hearing, or to there produce documentary
- 4 evidence, if so ordered, or to give evidence relative to the
- 5 subject matter of that investigation or hearing. Any failure to
- 6 obey such order of the circuit court may be punished by that
- 7 court as a contempt of court.
- 8 Each member of the Board and any hearing officer designated
- 9 by the Board shall have the power to administer oaths and to
- 10 take the testimony of persons under oath.
- 11 (g) Except under subsection (a) of this Section, a majority
- of the members then appointed to the Prisoner Review Board
- shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business
- of the Board.
- 15 (h) The Prisoner Review Board shall annually transmit to
- the Director a detailed report of its work for the preceding
- 17 calendar year. The annual report shall also be transmitted to
- the Governor for submission to the Legislature.
- 19 (i) The Prisoner Review Board may grant elderly sentence
- adjustments in accordance with Section 5-8-1.4.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 93-207, eff. 1-1-04; 94-165, eff. 7-11-05.)
- 22 (730 ILCS 5/5-8-1) (from Ch. 38, par. 1005-8-1)
- 23 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 95-983)
- Sec. 5-8-1. Sentence of Imprisonment for Felony.
- 25 (a) Except as otherwise provided in the statute defining

1	the offense and except as otherwise provided in Section
2	5-8-1.4, a sentence of imprisonment for a felony shall be a
3	determinate sentence set by the court under this Section,
4	according to the following limitations:
5	(1) for first degree murder,
6	(a) a term shall be not less than 20 years and not
7	more than 60 years, or
8	(b) if a trier of fact finds beyond a reasonable
9	doubt that the murder was accompanied by exceptionally
10	brutal or heinous behavior indicative of wanton
11	cruelty or, except as set forth in subsection (a)(1)(c)
12	of this Section, that any of the aggravating factors
13	listed in subsection (b) of Section 9-1 of the Criminal
14	Code of 1961 are present, the court may sentence the
15	defendant to a term of natural life imprisonment, or
16	(c) the court shall sentence the defendant to a
17	term of natural life imprisonment when the death
18	penalty is not imposed if the defendant,
19	(i) has previously been convicted of first
20	degree murder under any state or federal law, or
21	(ii) is a person who, at the time of the
22	commission of the murder, had attained the age of
23	17 or more and is found guilty of murdering an
24	individual under 12 years of age; or, irrespective
25	of the defendant's age at the time of the

commission of the offense, is found guilty of

murdering more than one victim, or

(iii) is found guilty of murdering a peace officer, fireman, or emergency management worker when the peace officer, fireman, or emergency management worker was killed in the course of performing his official duties, or to prevent the peace officer or fireman from performing his official duties, or in retaliation for the peace officer, fireman, or emergency management worker from performing his official duties, and the defendant knew or should have known that the murdered individual was a peace officer, fireman, or emergency management worker, or

(iv) is found guilty of murdering an employee of an institution or facility of the Department of Corrections, or any similar local correctional agency, when the employee was killed in the course of performing his official duties, or to prevent the employee from performing his official duties, or in retaliation for the employee performing his official duties, or

(v) is found guilty of murdering an emergency
medical technician - ambulance, emergency medical
technician - intermediate, emergency medical
technician - paramedic, ambulance driver or other
medical assistance or first aid person while

employed by a municipality or other governmental unit when the person was killed in the course of performing official duties or to prevent the person from performing official duties or in retaliation for performing official duties and the defendant knew or should have known that the murdered individual was an emergency medical technician - ambulance, emergency medical technician - intermediate, emergency medical technician - paramedic, ambulance driver, or other medical assistant or first aid personnel, or

(vi) is a person who, at the time of the commission of the murder, had not attained the age of 17, and is found guilty of murdering a person under 12 years of age and the murder is committed during the course of aggravated criminal sexual assault, criminal sexual assault, or aggravated kidnaping, or

(vii) is found guilty of first degree murder and the murder was committed by reason of any person's activity as a community policing volunteer or to prevent any person from engaging in activity as a community policing volunteer. For the purpose of this Section, "community policing volunteer" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2-3.5 of the Criminal Code of 1961.

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1	For purposes of clause (v), "emergency medical
2	technician - ambulance", "emergency medical technician
3	- intermediate", "emergency medical technician -
4	paramedic", have the meanings ascribed to them in the
5	Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act.
6	(d) (i) if the person committed the offense while
7	armed with a firearm, 15 years shall be added to
8	the term of imprisonment imposed by the court;
9	(ii) if, during the commission of the offense,
10	the person personally discharged a firearm, 20
11	years shall be added to the term of imprisonment
12	imposed by the court;
13	(iii) if, during the commission of the
14	offense, the person personally discharged a
15	firearm that proximately caused great bodily harm,
16	permanent disability, permanent disfigurement, or
17	death to another person, 25 years or up to a term
18	of natural life shall be added to the term of
19	imprisonment imposed by the court.
20	(1.5) for second degree murder, a term shall be not
21	less than 4 years and not more than 20 years;
22	(2) for a person adjudged a habitual criminal under
23	Article 33B of the Criminal Code of 1961, as amended, the
24	sentence shall be a term of natural life imprisonment;

(2.5) for a person convicted under the circumstances

described in paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Section

12-13, paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of Section 12-14,
paragraph (1.2) of subsection (b) of Section 12-14.1, or
paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Section 12-14.1 of the
Criminal Code of 1961, the sentence shall be a term of
natural life imprisonment;

- (3) except as otherwise provided in the statute defining the offense, for a Class X felony, the sentence shall be not less than 6 years and not more than 30 years;
- (4) for a Class 1 felony, other than second degree murder, the sentence shall be not less than 4 years and not more than 15 years;
- (5) for a Class 2 felony, the sentence shall be not less than 3 years and not more than 7 years;
- (6) for a Class 3 felony, the sentence shall be not less than 2 years and not more than 5 years;
- (7) for a Class 4 felony, the sentence shall be not less than 1 year and not more than 3 years.
- (b) The sentencing judge in each felony conviction shall set forth his reasons for imposing the particular sentence he enters in the case, as provided in Section 5-4-1 of this Code. Those reasons may include any mitigating or aggravating factors specified in this Code, or the lack of any such circumstances, as well as any other such factors as the judge shall set forth on the record that are consistent with the purposes and principles of sentencing set out in this Code.
 - (c) A motion to reduce a sentence may be made, or the court

may reduce a sentence without motion, within 30 days after the sentence is imposed. A defendant's challenge to the correctness of a sentence or to any aspect of the sentencing hearing shall be made by a written motion filed within 30 days following the imposition of sentence. However, the court may not increase a sentence once it is imposed.

If a motion filed pursuant to this subsection is timely filed within 30 days after the sentence is imposed, the proponent of the motion shall exercise due diligence in seeking a determination on the motion and the court shall thereafter decide such motion within a reasonable time.

If a motion filed pursuant to this subsection is timely filed within 30 days after the sentence is imposed, then for purposes of perfecting an appeal, a final judgment shall not be considered to have been entered until the motion to reduce a sentence has been decided by order entered by the trial court.

A motion filed pursuant to this subsection shall not be considered to have been timely filed unless it is filed with the circuit court clerk within 30 days after the sentence is imposed together with a notice of motion, which notice of motion shall set the motion on the court's calendar on a date certain within a reasonable time after the date of filing.

(d) Except where a term of natural life is imposed, every sentence shall include as though written therein a term in addition to the term of imprisonment. For those sentenced under the law in effect prior to February 1, 1978, such term shall be

- identified as a parole term. For those sentenced on or after February 1, 1978, such term shall be identified as a mandatory supervised release term. Subject to earlier termination under Section 3-3-8, the parole or mandatory supervised release term shall be as follows:
 - (1) for first degree murder or a Class X felony except for the offenses of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, aggravated criminal sexual assault, and criminal sexual assault if committed on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly and except for the offense of aggravated child pornography under Section 11-20.3 of the Criminal Code of 1961, if committed on or after January 1, 2009, 3 years;
 - (2) for a Class 1 felony or a Class 2 felony except for the offense of criminal sexual assault if committed on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly and except for the offenses of manufacture and dissemination of child pornography under clauses (a) (1) and (a) (2) of Section 11-20.1 of the Criminal Code of 1961, if committed on or after January 1, 2009, 2 years;
 - (3) for a Class 3 felony or a Class 4 felony, 1 year;
 - (4) for defendants who commit the offense of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, aggravated criminal sexual assault, or criminal sexual assault, on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly, or who commit the offense of aggravated child

- pornography, manufacture of child pornography, or dissemination of child pornography after January 1, 2009, the term of mandatory supervised release shall range from a minimum of 3 years to a maximum of the natural life of the defendant:
- (5) if the victim is under 18 years of age, for a second or subsequent offense of aggravated criminal sexual abuse or felony criminal sexual abuse, 4 years, at least the first 2 years of which the defendant shall serve in an electronic home detention program under Article 8A of Chapter V of this Code.
- (e) A defendant who has a previous and unexpired sentence of imprisonment imposed by another state or by any district court of the United States and who, after sentence for a crime in Illinois, must return to serve the unexpired prior sentence may have his sentence by the Illinois court ordered to be concurrent with the prior sentence in the other state. The court may order that any time served on the unexpired portion of the sentence in the other state, prior to his return to Illinois, shall be credited on his Illinois sentence. The other state shall be furnished with a copy of the order imposing sentence which shall provide that, when the offender is released from confinement of the other state, whether by parole or by termination of sentence, the offender shall be transferred by the Sheriff of the committing county to the Illinois Department of Corrections. The court shall cause the

- 1 Department of Corrections to be notified of such sentence at
- 2 the time of commitment and to be provided with copies of all
- 3 records regarding the sentence.
- 4 (f) A defendant who has a previous and unexpired sentence
- of imprisonment imposed by an Illinois circuit court for a
- 6 crime in this State and who is subsequently sentenced to a term
- 7 of imprisonment by another state or by any district court of
- 8 the United States and who has served a term of imprisonment
- 9 imposed by the other state or district court of the United
- 10 States, and must return to serve the unexpired prior sentence
- 11 imposed by the Illinois Circuit Court may apply to the court
- which imposed sentence to have his sentence reduced.
- 13 The circuit court may order that any time served on the
- 14 sentence imposed by the other state or district court of the
- United States be credited on his Illinois sentence. Such
- 16 application for reduction of a sentence under this subsection
- 17 (f) shall be made within 30 days after the defendant has
- 18 completed the sentence imposed by the other state or district
- 19 court of the United States.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 94-165, eff. 7-11-05; 94-243, eff. 1-1-06;
- 21 94-715, eff. 12-13-05; 95-983, eff. 6-1-09.)
- 22 (730 ILCS 5/5-8-1.4 new)
- Sec. 5-8-1.4. Elderly sentence adjustment; pilot program.
- 24 (a) A committed person as defined in subsection (c) of
- 25 Section 3-1-2 of this Code who is at least 50 years of age and

member of a gang.

1	who has served at least 25 consecutive years of imprisonment in
2	a Department of Corrections institution or facility and is
3	serving a sentence other than death may petition the Prisoner
4	Review Board for an elderly sentence adjustment as provided in
5	this Section. If the committed person files such a petition,
6	the families of the victims of the committed person's offenses
7	shall be notified in a timely manner after the filing of the
8	petition.
9	(b) The Prisoner Review Board may grant the petitioner an
10	elderly sentence adjustment if the petitioner documents and
11	demonstrates to the Prisoner Review Board the following:
12	(1) successful participation by the committed person
13	in programs designed to restore the committed person as a
14	useful and productive person in the community upon release
15	and if such programs are not available that the committed
16	person has attempted to participate in such programs;
17	(2) genuine reform and changed behavior by the
18	committed person over a period of years;
19	(3) the committed person's remorse for actions that
20	have caused pain and suffering to victims of his or her
21	offenses;
22	(4) the committed person's ability to socialize with
23	others in an acceptable manner;
24	(5) the committed person's renunciation of criminal
25	activity and gang affiliation if the committed person was a

((C)) The	petition	shall	contain:
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- (1) documentation of the committed person's relevant medical history, including current medical prognosis;
- (2) the committed person's prison and criminal history. The criminal history shall include any claims of innocence and the degree of the committed person's responsibility for his or her convictions and if such claims of responsibility have impacted the committed person's feeling of remorse.
- in its entirety and may not order the release of the committed person if the Prisoner Review Board finds that the committed person poses a threat to public safety. If the Prisoner Review Board determines that a committed person is eligible for a sentence adjustment under this Section and determines that the committed person should receive a sentence adjustment, the Prisoner Review Board shall set the conditions for the committed person's release from prison before the expiration of the committed person's sentence. The Prisoner Review Board when adjusting a sentence shall require 10 hours of community service for each year served in prison and require electronic monitoring for at least 6 months.
- (e) A petition for sentencing adjustment under the provisions of this Section shall be submitted only once unless the Prisoner Review Board decides unusual circumstances warrant another hearing.

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(ICVC), including the Restorative Justice segment, used by the			
Missouri Department of Corrections. This pilot program shall be			
implemented in one maximum security prison for women and one			
maximum security prison for men. The ICVC shall be made			
available to prisoners eligible for elderly sentence			
adjustment on a voluntary basis.			
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- (2) The Department of Corrections shall promulgate rules and regulations for operation of the pilot program established pursuant to this subsection (f).
- (3) Any proposed program or strategy created under this subsection (f) shall be developed after identification of a need in the community for such programs, through consultation with representatives of the general public, judiciary, law enforcement, and defense and prosecution bar.
- (4) The Department of Corrections may staff programs created under this subsection (f) with employees of the Department or may contract with other public or private agencies for delivery of services as otherwise provided by law.
- (5) The pilot program shall include wrap-around victim services to ensure the safety of victims upon the release of a committed person under an elderly sentence adjustment program.

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