

# 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2013 and 2014 HB3668

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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

730 ILCS 5/3-3-2 730 ILCS 5/5-8-1 730 ILCS 5/5-8-1.4 new from Ch. 38, par. 1003-3-2 from Ch. 38, par. 1005-8-1

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 may petition the Prisoner Review Board for participation in the Elderly Rehabilitated Prisoner Sentence Modification Program. Provides that if the committed person files the petition, the victims and the families of the victims of the committed person's offenses shall be notified in a timely manner after the filing of the petition. Provides that the Board shall consider the petition in its entirety and shall not order the release of the committed person if it finds that the committed person poses a threat to public safety. Provides that if the Board determines that a committed person is eligible for participation in the Program and that the committed person should participate in the Program, the Board shall set the conditions for the committed person's release from prison before the expiration of his or her sentence. Provides that when granting participation in the Program, the Board may require the committed person, for a period of time upon release, to participate in community service or to wear an electronic monitoring device, or both.

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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. One representative supporting parole and one representative opposing parole will be allowed to speak. Their comments shall be limited to making corrections and filling in omissions to the Board's presentation and discussion;

- (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

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supervised release for those serving extended supervised release terms pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (d) of Section 5-8-1;

- (3.6) hear by at least one member and through a panel of at least 3 members decide, the time of aftercare release, the conditions of aftercare release and the time of discharge from aftercare release, impose sanctions for violations of aftercare release, and revoke aftercare release for those adjudicated delinquent under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987:
- (4) 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 alleged violation of Department rules with respect to sentence credits under Section 3-6-3 of this Code in which the Department seeks to revoke sentence 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 sentence credit. The Board may subsequently approve the revocation of additional sentence credit, if the Department seeks to revoke sentence 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 sentence 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 or commutation, and make confidential 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 sentence credit, and if the prisoner has not accumulated 180 days of sentence credit at the time of the dismissal, then all sentence credit accumulated by the prisoner shall be revoked;
- (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;

- (10) upon a petition by a person who has been convicted of a Class 3 or Class 4 felony and who meets the requirements of this paragraph, hear by at least 3 members and, with the unanimous vote of a panel of 3 members, issue a certificate of eligibility for sealing recommending that the court order the sealing of all official records of the arresting authority, the circuit court clerk, and the Department of State Police concerning the arrest and conviction for the Class 3 or 4 felony. A person may not apply to the Board for a certificate of eligibility for sealing:
  - (A) until 5 years have elapsed since the expiration of his or her sentence;
  - (B) until 5 years have elapsed since any arrests or detentions by a law enforcement officer for an alleged violation of law, other than a petty offense, traffic offense, conservation offense, or local ordinance offense;
  - (C) if convicted of a violation of the Cannabis Control Act, Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, the Methamphetamine Precursor Control Act, or the Methamphetamine Precursor Tracking Act unless the petitioner has completed a drug abuse program for the

1	offense on which sealing is sought and provides proof
2	that he or she has completed the program successfully;
3	(D) if convicted of:
4	(i) a sex offense described in Article 11 or
5	Sections 12-13, 12-14, 12-14.1, 12-15, or 12-16 of
6	the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of
7	2012;
8	(ii) aggravated assault;
9	(iii) aggravated battery;
10	(iv) domestic battery;
11	(v) aggravated domestic battery;
12	(vi) violation of an order of protection;
13	(vii) an offense under the Criminal Code of
14	1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012 involving a
15	firearm;
16	(viii) driving while under the influence of
17	alcohol, other drug or drugs, intoxicating
18	compound or compounds or any combination thereof;
19	(ix) aggravated driving while under the
20	influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs,
21	intoxicating compound or compounds or any
22	combination thereof; or
23	(x) any crime defined as a crime of violence
24	under Section 2 of the Crime Victims Compensation
25	Act.
26	If a person has applied to the Board for a certificate

of eligibility for sealing and the Board denies the certificate, the person must wait at least 4 years before filing again or filing for pardon from the Governor unless the Chairman of the Prisoner Review Board grants a waiver.

The decision to issue or refrain from issuing a certificate of eligibility for sealing shall be at the Board's sole discretion, and shall not give rise to any cause of action against either the Board or its members.

The Board may only authorize the sealing of Class 3 and 4 felony convictions of the petitioner from one information or indictment under this paragraph (10). A petitioner may only receive one certificate of eligibility for sealing under this provision for life; and

(11) upon a petition by a person who after having been convicted of a Class 3 or Class 4 felony thereafter served in the United States Armed Forces or National Guard of this or any other state and had received an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces or National Guard or who at the time of filing the petition is enlisted in the United States Armed Forces or National Guard of this or any other state and served one tour of duty and who meets the requirements of this paragraph, hear by at least 3 members and, with the unanimous vote of a panel of 3 members, issue a certificate of eligibility for expungement recommending that the court order the expungement of all official records of the arresting authority, the circuit court

clerk, and the Department of State Police concerning the arrest and conviction for the Class 3 or 4 felony. A person may not apply to the Board for a certificate of eligibility for expungement:

#### (A) if convicted of:

- (i) a sex offense described in Article 11 or Sections 12-13, 12-14, 12-14.1, 12-15, or 12-16 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or Criminal Code of 2012;
- (ii) an offense under the Criminal Code of 1961 or Criminal Code of 2012 involving a firearm; or
- (iii) a crime of violence as defined in Section
  2 of the Crime Victims Compensation Act; or
- (B) if the person has not served in the United States Armed Forces or National Guard of this or any other state or has not received an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces or National Guard of this or any other state or who at the time of the filing of the petition is serving in the United States Armed Forces or National Guard of this or any other state and has not completed one tour of duty.

If a person has applied to the Board for a certificate of eligibility for expungement and the Board denies the certificate, the person must wait at least 4 years before filing again or filing for a pardon with authorization for expungement from the Governor unless the Governor or Chairman of the Prisoner Review Board grants a waiver.

- (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 Review Board, with the cooperation of and in coordination with the Department of Corrections and the Department of Central Management Services, shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding the use, costs, effectiveness, and future viability of interactive video conferences for Prisoner Review Board hearings.
- 16 (b) Upon recommendation of the Department the Board may 17 restore sentence credit previously revoked.
  - (c) The Board shall cooperate with the Department in promoting an effective system of parole, aftercare release, and mandatory supervised release.
  - (d) The Board shall promulgate rules for the conduct of its work, and the Chairman shall file a copy of such rules and any amendments thereto with the Director and with the Secretary of State.
  - (e) The Board shall keep records of all of its official actions and shall make them accessible in accordance with law

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and the rules of the Board.

The Board or one who has allegedly violated the conditions of his or her parole, aftercare release, mandatory supervised release may require by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of documentary evidence relating to anv matter investigation or hearing. The Chairman of the Board may sign subpoenas which shall be served by any agent or public official authorized by the Chairman of the Board, or by any person lawfully authorized to serve a subpoena under the laws of the State of Illinois. The attendance of witnesses, and 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 or her 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.

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

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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 person. The court upon the filing of such a petition, may order the person refusing to obey the subpoena to appear at an investigation or hearing, or to there produce documentary evidence, if so ordered, or to give evidence relative to the subject matter of that investigation or hearing. Any failure to obey such order of the circuit court may be punished by that court as a contempt of court.

Each member of the Board and any hearing officer designated by the Board shall have the power to administer oaths and to take the testimony of persons under oath.

- (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.
- (h) The Prisoner Review Board shall annually transmit to the Director a detailed report of its work for the preceding

- 1 calendar year. The annual report shall also be transmitted to
- the Governor for submission to the Legislature.
- 3 (i) The Prisoner Review Board may grant participation in
- 4 the Elderly Rehabilitated Prisoner Sentence Modification
- 5 Program in accordance with Section 5-8-1.4.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 97-697, eff. 6-22-12; 97-1120, eff. 1-1-13;
- 7 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13; 98-399, eff. 8-16-13; 98-558, eff.
- 8 1-1-14; revised 8-28-13.)
- 9 (730 ILCS 5/5-8-1) (from Ch. 38, par. 1005-8-1)
- 10 Sec. 5-8-1. Natural life imprisonment; enhancements for
- 11 use of a firearm; mandatory supervised release terms.
- 12 (a) Except as otherwise provided in the statute defining
- 13 the offense or in Article 4.5 of Chapter V and except as
- 14 otherwise provided in Section 5-8-1.4, a sentence of
- 15 imprisonment for a felony shall be a determinate sentence set
- by the court under this Section, according to the following
- 17 limitations:
- 18 (1) for first degree murder,
- 19 (a) (blank),
- 20 (b) if a trier of fact finds beyond a reasonable
- 21 doubt that the murder was accompanied by exceptionally
- 22 brutal or heinous behavior indicative of wanton
- 23 cruelty or, except as set forth in subsection (a)(1)(c)
- of this Section, that any of the aggravating factors
- listed in subsection (b) or (b-5) of Section 9-1 of the

Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012 are present, the court may sentence the defendant to a term of natural life imprisonment, or

- (c) the court shall sentence the defendant to a term of natural life imprisonment when the death penalty is not imposed if the defendant,
  - (i) has previously been convicted of first degree murder under any state or federal law, or
  - (ii) is a person who, at the time of the commission of the murder, had attained the age of 17 or more and is found guilty of murdering an individual under 12 years of age; or, irrespective 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,

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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 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 2012.

For purposes of clause (v), "emergency medical technician - ambulance", "emergency medical technician - intermediate", "emergency medical technician - paramedic", have the meanings ascribed to them in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act.

- (d) (i) if the person committed the offense while armed with a firearm, 15 years shall be added to the term of imprisonment imposed by the court;
- (ii) if, during the commission of the offense, the person personally discharged a firearm, 20 years shall be added to the term of imprisonment imposed by the court;

(iii) if, during the commission of the offense, the person personally discharged a firearm that proximately caused great bodily harm, permanent disability, permanent disfigurement, or death to another person, 25 years or up to a term of natural life shall be added to the term of imprisonment imposed by the court.

### (2) (blank);

- (2.5) for a person convicted under the circumstances described in subdivision (b) (1) (B) of Section 11-1.20 or paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Section 12-13, subdivision (d) (2) of Section 11-1.30 or paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of Section 12-14, subdivision (b) (1.2) of Section 11-1.40 or paragraph (1.2) of subsection (b) of Section 12-14.1, subdivision (b) (2) of Section 11-1.40 or paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Section 12-14.1 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, the sentence shall be a term of natural life imprisonment.
- (b) (Blank).
- 20 (c) (Blank).
  - (d) Subject to earlier termination under Section 3-3-8, the parole or mandatory supervised release term shall be written as part of the sentencing order and shall be as follows:
- 24 (1) for first degree murder or a Class X felony except
  25 for the offenses of predatory criminal sexual assault of a
  26 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 11-20.1B, 11-20.3, or 11-20.1 with sentencing under subsection (c-5) of Section 11-20.1 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, 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 or the Criminal Code of 2012, 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 under Section 11-20.1B, 11-20.3, or 11-20.1 with sentencing under subsection (c-5) of Section 11-20.1 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, manufacture of child pornography, or dissemination of child pornography after January 1, 2009, the term of

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- 1 mandatory supervised release shall range from a minimum of 2 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;
- 9 (6) for a felony domestic battery, aggravated domestic 10 battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, and a felony 11 violation of an order of protection, 4 years.
- 12 (e) (Blank).
- 13 (f) (Blank).
- 14 (Source: P.A. 96-282, eff. 1-1-10; 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10;
- 15 96-1200, eff. 7-22-10; 96-1475, eff. 1-1-11; 96-1551, eff.
- 16 7-1-11; 97-333, eff. 8-12-11; 97-531, eff. 1-1-12; 97-1109,
- 17 eff. 1-1-13; 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.)
- 18 (730 ILCS 5/5-8-1.4 new)
- 19 Sec. 5-8-1.4. Elderly Rehabilitated Prisoner Sentence
- 20 Modification Program.
- 21 (a) A committed person as defined in subsection (c) of
- 22 Section 3-1-2 of this Code who is at least 50 years of age and
- 23 who has served at least 25 consecutive years of imprisonment in
- 24 a Department of Corrections institution or facility may
- 25 petition the Prisoner Review Board ("Board") for participation

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1	in the Elderly Rehabilitated Prisoner Sentence Modification
2	Program ("Program") as provided in this Section. If the
3	committed person files the petition, the victims and the
4	families of the victims of the committed person's offenses
5	shall be notified in a timely manner after the filing of the
6	petition.
7	(b) The petition shall contain:
8	(1) a statement by the committed person explaining why
9	he or she is entitled to participate in the Program;
10	(2) documentation of the committed person's relevant
11	medical history, including current medical prognosis;
12	(3) the committed person's prison and criminal
13	history. The criminal history shall include any claims of
14	innocence and the degree of the committed person's
15	responsibility for his or her convictions and if the claims
16	of responsibility have impacted the committed person's
17	<pre>feeling of remorse;</pre>
18	(4) documentation of the committed person's
19	participation in prison programs and jobs; and
20	(5) the committed person's plans for reentry,
21	including information about where the person will live, how
22	the person will be supported financially, and any plans for
23	the person's ongoing medical care if the care is necessary.
24	(c) The Board shall render its decision about the committed
25	person's petition within a reasonable time after the petition
26	has been filed. In deciding whether to grant or deny the

1	petitioner participation in the Program, the Board shall
2	consider whether the petitioner documents and demonstrates the
3	<pre>following:</pre>
4	(1) successful participation in programs designed to
5	restore the committed person to a useful and productive
6	life upon release (including educational programs and
7	programs designed to deal with substance abuse or other
8	issues) and, if those programs are not available,
9	information demonstrating that the committed person has
10	attempted to participate in those programs or has engaged
11	in self-education programs, correspondence courses, or
12	other self-improvement efforts;
13	(2) the genuine reform and changed behavior the
14	committed person has demonstrated over a period of years;
15	(3) the committed person's remorse for actions that
16	have caused pain and suffering to victims of his or her
17	offenses;
18	(4) the committed person's ability to socialize with
19	others in an acceptable manner;
20	(5) the committed person's renunciation of criminal
21	activity and gang affiliation if the committed person was a
22	member of a gang; and
23	(6) an appropriate plan for living arrangements,
24	financial support, and any medical care that will be needed
25	when the committed person returns to society.
26	(d) The Board shall consider the petition in its entirety

and shall not order the release of the committed person if it finds that the committed person poses a threat to public safety. If the Board determines that a committed person is eliqible for participation in the Program and that the committed person should participate in the Program, the Board shall set the conditions for the committed person's release from prison before the expiration of his or her sentence. When granting participation in the Program, the Board may require the committed person, for a period of time upon release, to participate in community service or to wear an electronic monitoring device, or both.

- (e) A petition for participation in the Program under the provisions of this Section may be submitted annually, except that if the Board denies a petition, it may order that the committed person may not file a new petition for up to 3 years from the date of denial, if the Board finds that it is not reasonable to expect that it would grant a petition filed earlier.
- 19 <u>(f) The action of a majority of the Board members voting on</u> 20 <u>the petition shall be the action of the Board.</u>