

HB 588-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL ***588-FN***

AN ACT relative to the criteria for applying for parole.

SPONSORS: Rep. Harriott-Gathright, Hills. 10; Rep. Vail, Hills. 6; Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Rep. DiLorenzo, Rock. 10

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows an eligible incarcerated person to apply for parole upon the completion of 65 percent of such person's minimum sentence.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

AN ACT relative to the criteria for applying for parole.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Paragraphs; Sentences and Limitations; Eligibility for Parole. Amend RSA 651:2 by
2 inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraphs:

3 IX. Except as provided in paragraph X, a person sentenced under this chapter may apply for
4 parole upon the completion of 65 percent of such person's minimum sentence, provided the following
5 requirements are met:

6 (a) The person was sentenced to a minimum of not less than 7 1/2 years.

7 (b) The person has no major or "A level" disciplinary violations.

8 (c) The person has not demonstrated a pattern of repeated disciplinary offenses that
9 result in an upgrade in classification level.

10 (d) The person has completed all court and department of corrections required programs
11 and treatment.

12 (e) The person has demonstrated good institutional behavior.

13 X. Paragraph IX shall not apply if:

14 (a) The person received a sentence that prohibits him or her from being paroled.

15 (b) The person was convicted of a sexually violent offense as defined in RSA 135-E:2, XI.

16 (c) The person was convicted of committing a violent crime, as defined in RSA 651:5,
17 XIII, against a person under 18 years of age.

18 2 Applicability. The provisions of this act shall apply to any person incarcerated on or after the
19 effective date of this act.

20 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2024.

HB 588-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT #2023-0583h)

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FISCAL IMPACT: ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☒ None

METHODOLOGY:

This bill allows an eligible incarcerated person to apply for parole upon the completion of 65 percent of such person's minimum sentence. Based on information provided by the Adult Parole Board, the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states this bill has no fiscal impact on state, county, and local expenditures or revenue.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

New Hampshire Adult Parole Board