



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 221

LCO No. 1045



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
SEN. HASKELL, 26th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING PAROLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS
SERVING LENGTHY SENTENCES FOR CRIMES COMMITTED
BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL TURNED TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That titles 46b, 53a and 54 of the general statutes be amended to apply
2 the provisions of public act 15-84 concerning individuals who received
3 lengthy sentences for crimes committed before the individual turned
4 eighteen to individuals who received a definite sentence or total
5 effective sentence of more than ten years for a crime committed before
6 the individual turned twenty-five in order to allow such individuals to
7 become eligible for parole sooner than Connecticut's Truth in
8 Sentencing laws would otherwise allow as follows: (1) For such
9 individual who is serving fifty years or less, such individual would be
10 eligible for a parole hearing after serving sixty per cent of their sentence
11 or twelve years, whichever is greater; or (2) for such individual serving
12 a sentence of more than fifty years, such individual would be eligible for
13 a parole hearing after serving thirty years, with decisions concerning
14 release being consistent with the factors in subdivisions (1) to (4),
15 inclusive, of subsection (c) of section 54-300 of the general statutes, and

16 providing that individuals eligible for such parole opportunities must
17 be notified of such opportunities.

Statement of Purpose:

To incentivize rehabilitation among incarcerated individuals and provide a second chance for those who were convicted and sentenced before twenty-five years of age.