
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1638 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY McNEILL, KINSEY, FREEMAN, SANCHEZ, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ,
SCOTT, MADDEN AND KHAN, AUGUST 29, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, AUGUST 29, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Board of Probation and
3 Parole, providing for early parole for educational and
4 vocational certification.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 61 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 6144. Early parole for educational and vocational
10 certification.

11 (a) Eligibility.--Except as provided in subsection (b),
12 notwithstanding any other provision of law, the board shall
13 reduce by 90 days the period of supervision for an offender on
14 parole if the offender on parole is in compliance with the terms
15 of release and, during the period of supervision, receives a
16 high school diploma, associate's degree, bachelor's degree,
17 career certificate, vocational certificate, technical
18 certification or high school equivalency diploma.

19 (b) Exception.--Subsection (a) shall not apply to an

1 offender on parole who was convicted of a crime of violence as
2 defined in 42 Pa.C.S. § 9714(g) (relating to sentences for
3 second and subsequent offenses).

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.