

SENATE BILL 2840

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 35, Part 5, relative to the release eligibility percentage for certain criminal offenders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-501, is amended by deleting subdivision (i)(1) and substituting instead the following:

(1)

(A) For a person committing an offense enumerated in subdivision (i)(2) on or after July 1, 1995, but prior to July 1, 2012, there shall be no release eligibility. The person shall serve one hundred percent (100%) of the sentence imposed by the court less sentence credits earned and retained. However, no sentence reduction credits authorized by § 41-21-236 or any other law, shall operate to reduce the sentence imposed by the court by more than fifteen percent (15%).

(B) For a person committing an offense enumerated in subdivision (i)(2) on or after July 1, 2012, there shall be no release eligibility. The person shall serve one hundred percent (100%) of the sentence imposed by the court and shall not be eligible for sentence reduction credits authorized by § 41-21-236 or any other law.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.