

SENATE BILL No. 201

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-50-6-1.

Synopsis: Parole for violent offenses. Increases the potential maximum parole period from 12 months to 24 months for certain felons who have committed a violent offense (as defined by statute).

Effective: July 1, 2018.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning corrections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-50-6-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.105-2010,
2 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (d) or (e),
4 when a person imprisoned for a felony completes the person's fixed
5 term of imprisonment, less the credit time the person has earned with
6 respect to that term, the person shall be:
7 (1) released on parole for not more than twenty-four (24) months,
8 as determined by the parole board, unless:
9 (A) the person is being placed on parole for the first time;
10 (B) the person is not being placed on parole for a conviction
11 for a crime of violence (as defined in IC 35-50-1-2) **or a**
12 **violent offense (as defined in IC 11-12-3.7-6);**
13 (C) the person is not a sex offender (as defined in
14 IC 11-8-8-4.5); and
15 (D) in the six (6) months before being placed on parole, the
16 person has not violated a rule of the department of correction
17 or a rule of the penal facility in which the person is



- 1 imprisoned;
2 (2) discharged upon a finding by the committing court that the
3 person was assigned to a community transition program and may
4 be discharged without the requirement of parole; or
5 (3) released to the committing court if the sentence included a
6 period of probation.

7 A person described in subdivision (1) shall be released on parole for
8 not more than twelve (12) months, as determined by the parole board.

9 (b) This subsection does not apply to a person described in
10 subsection (d), (e), or (f). A person released on parole remains on
11 parole from the date of release until the person's fixed term expires,
12 unless the person's parole is revoked or the person is discharged from
13 that term by the parole board. In any event, if the person's parole is not
14 revoked, the parole board shall discharge the person after the period set
15 under subsection (a) or the expiration of the person's fixed term,
16 whichever is shorter.

17 (c) A person whose parole is revoked shall be imprisoned for all or
18 part of the remainder of the person's fixed term. However, the person
19 shall again be released on parole when the person completes that
20 remainder, less the credit time the person has earned since the
21 revocation. The parole board may reinstate the person on parole at any
22 time after the revocation.

23 (d) This subsection does not apply to a person who is a sexually
24 violent predator under IC 35-38-1-7.5. When a sex offender (as defined
25 in IC 11-8-8-4.5) completes the sex offender's fixed term of
26 imprisonment, less credit time earned with respect to that term, the sex
27 offender shall be placed on parole for not more than ten (10) years.

28 (e) This subsection applies to a person who:
29 (1) is a sexually violent predator under IC 35-38-1-7.5;
30 (2) has been convicted of murder (IC 35-42-1-1); or
31 (3) has been convicted of voluntary manslaughter (IC 35-42-1-3).

32 When a person described in this subsection completes the person's
33 fixed term of imprisonment, less credit time earned with respect to that
34 term, the person shall be placed on parole for the remainder of the
35 person's life.

36 (f) This subsection applies to a parolee in another jurisdiction who
37 is a person described in subsection (e) and whose parole supervision is
38 transferred to Indiana from another jurisdiction. In accordance with
39 IC 11-13-4-1(2) (Interstate Compact for Out-of-State Probationers and
40 Parolees) and rules adopted under Article VII (d)(8) of the Interstate
41 Compact for Adult Offender Supervision (IC 11-13-4.5), a parolee who
42 is a person described in subsection (e) and whose parole supervision is



1 transferred to Indiana is subject to the same conditions of parole as a
2 person described in subsection (e) who was convicted in Indiana,
3 including:

- 4 (1) lifetime parole (as described in subsection (e)); and
5 (2) the requirement that the person wear a monitoring device (as
6 described in IC 35-38-2.5-3) that can transmit information
7 twenty-four (24) hours each day regarding a person's precise
8 location, if applicable.

9 (g) If a person being supervised on lifetime parole as described in
10 subsection (e) is also required to be supervised by a court, a probation
11 department, a community corrections program, a community transition
12 program, or another similar program upon the person's release from
13 imprisonment, the parole board may:

- 14 (1) supervise the person while the person is being supervised by
15 the other supervising agency; or
16 (2) permit the other supervising agency to exercise all or part of
17 the parole board's supervisory responsibility during the period in
18 which the other supervising agency is required to supervise the
19 person, if supervision by the other supervising agency will be, in
20 the opinion of the parole board:
21 (A) at least as stringent; and
22 (B) at least as effective;
23 as supervision by the parole board.

24 (h) The parole board is not required to supervise a person on
25 lifetime parole during any period in which the person is imprisoned.
26 However, upon the person's release from imprisonment, the parole
27 board shall recommence its supervision of a person on lifetime parole.

28 (i) If a court orders the parole board to place a sexually violent
29 predator whose sentence does not include a commitment to the
30 department of correction on lifetime parole under IC 35-38-1-29, the
31 parole board shall place the sexually violent predator on lifetime parole
32 and supervise the person in the same manner in which the parole board
33 supervises a sexually violent predator on lifetime parole whose
34 sentence includes a commitment to the department of correction.

