

HB 907 -- TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT

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This bill authorizes courts to reduce sentences of life without eligibility for probation or parole if a convicted person has served at least 30 years in the Department of Corrections, was under 20 years old at the time the offense was committed, has not been previously convicted of a dangerous felony, and has made specified reasonable efforts towards rehabilitation.

The bill requires an offender receiving a reduction of his or her sentence to be granted a hearing before the Parole Board. In order for the offender to be eligible for supervised release, he or she must provide, among other requirements, at least five character recommendations from Department of Corrections employees and signed statements from at least 20 residents of the community to which the offender will be released. The supervised release for offenders under this section will be for the duration of the person's natural life.

This bill is similar to HB 2232 (2022).