

HOUSE BILL 2578

By Dixie

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,  
relative to release of certain offenders.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-503, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(k) Notwithstanding subsection (b), an eligible inmate shall be released on parole upon the inmate reaching the inmate's release eligibility date or, if the inmate's release eligibility date occurred prior to July 1, 2022, any subsequent parole hearing, if the inmate:

(1) Has not been previously convicted for an offense other than the offense for which the inmate is seeking parole;

(2) Has not been convicted of a violent sexual offense, as defined in § 40-39-202; sexual offense, as defined in § 40-24-108(b) or § 40-39-202; or sex offense, as defined in § 39-13-703;

(3) Has successfully completed the programming recommended by the department of correction based on a validated risk and needs assessment performed under § 41-1-126, or can complete any recommended programming while on parole supervision; and

(4) Has not received a Class A or Class B disciplinary offense under department of correction policy within one (1) year of the inmate's parole hearing.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.