SENATE BILL 265

By Lundberg

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 28, relative to parole.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-28-117, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (c):

(c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, if a prisoner is granted parole based on the requirement that the prisoner complete a pre-release program, class, coursework, or other activity, and the program, class, coursework, or activity cannot be commenced at no fault of the prisoner within one (1) month of parole, the board shall immediately release the prisoner under GPS monitoring. A prisoner released under this subsection (c) shall attend and complete an eligible community-based program based on the validated risk and needs assessment conducted under § 40-35-207.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.