

SENATE BILL No. 376

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 11-13-9.

Synopsis: Discharge of long term inmates. Provides that the parole board shall discharge a long term inmate if the inmate meets certain criteria. Changes the amount of time a long term inmate would serve on parole upon release.

Effective: July 1, 2012.

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January 9, 2012, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal, and Civil Matters.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2011 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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 11-13-9-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.119-2008,
- 2 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 4. (a) The parole board shall consider all relevant
- 4 factors in determining whether the inmate is to be discharged under this
- 5 chapter and must consider a community investigation report submitted
- 6 to the parole board.
- 7 (b) The parole board shall ~~give special consideration to~~ **discharge**
- 8 an inmate who demonstrates each of the following:
- 9 (1) A good conduct history during confinement.
- 10 (2) Proof that the inmate will have suitable living quarters in a
- 11 community if the inmate is discharged.
- 12 (3) Proof that one (1) or more employers in the area in which the
- 13 inmate would reside if discharged have offered to employ the
- 14 inmate for at least thirty (30) hours a week on the same terms as
- 15 the employer employs other employees.
- 16 (4) Proof that the inmate:
- 17 (A) is at least a high school graduate; or



1 (B) has obtained:
 2 (i) a general equivalency degree; or
 3 (ii) a state of Indiana general educational development
 4 (GED) diploma.
 5 SECTION 2. IC 11-13-9-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.119-2008,
 6 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 7 JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 5. (a) If the parole board determines that the
 8 inmate:
 9 (1) has been properly rehabilitated; and
 10 (2) has suitable plans to carry out if discharged;
 11 the parole board shall discharge the inmate from the custody of the
 12 department. An inmate who is released from confinement under this
 13 subsection must be placed on parole as described in subsection (b).
 14 (b) An inmate who is discharged from the department under this
 15 section shall be placed on parole as follows:
 16 (1) An inmate who is required to be placed on parole for the
 17 remainder of the inmate's life under IC 35-50-6-1(e) shall be
 18 placed on parole for the remainder of the inmate's life.
 19 (2) An inmate who is:
 20 (A) not an inmate described in subdivision (1); and
 21 (B) not required to serve a period of probation;
 22 shall be placed on parole for ~~two (2) years.~~ **one (1) year.**

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