

Reform Criminal Justice

Early Parole/Older Inmates

Original Bill: [HB357](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D)

Description: Provides for early release from parole for certain offenders who are sixty-five years of age or older.

Position Statement: Support: Older inmates who have served much of their sentence merit a parole hearing to see if they are rehabilitated and can re-enter society. In A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice (2000), the Catholic Bishops state: "We believe that both victims and offender are children of God. Despite their very different claims on society, their lives and dignity should be protected and respected. We seek justice, not vengeance. We believe punishment must have clear purposes: protecting society and rehabilitating those who violate the law." 01/13/23

Last Action: 01/05/2023 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB147](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Steven Roberts (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to parole eligibility.

Position Statement: Support: Older inmates who have served much of their sentence merit a parole hearing to see if they are rehabilitated and can re-enter society. In A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice (2000), the Catholic Bishops state: "We believe that both victims and offender are children of God. Despite their very different claims on society, their lives and dignity should be protected and respected. We seek justice, not vengeance. We believe punishment must have clear purposes: protecting society and rehabilitating those who violate the law." 01/13/23

Last Action: 01/04/2023 S - Read First Time

Original Bill: [SB196](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Brian Williams (D)

Description: Creates provisions relating to geriatric parole.

Position Statement: Support: Older inmates who have served much of their sentence merit a parole hearing to see if they are rehabilitated and can re-enter society. In A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice (2000), the Catholic Bishops state: "We believe that both victims and offender are children of God. Despite their very different claims on society, their lives and dignity should be protected and respected. We seek justice, not vengeance. We believe punishment must have clear purposes: protecting society and rehabilitating those who violate the law." 01/13/23

Last Action: 01/04/2023 S - Read First Time

Expanding Mandatory Minimums

Original Bill: [HB339](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Bennie Cook (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to minimum prison terms. Prior offenders would be required to serve a minimum of 50% of their most recent sentence.

Position Statement: Oppose: Mandatory minimum sentences replace a judge's discretion in sentencing with rigid formulas, which do not always serve the purpose of punishment for crimes. Adding additional offenses for which minimum sentences must be given moves Missouri in the wrong direction and places additional pressure on Missouri's already overcrowded prisons. 01/13/23

Last Action: 01/05/2023 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB438](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Barry Hovis (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to minimum prison terms. Establishes mandatory minimum sentences for all non-drug felonies for prior offenders.

Position Statement: Oppose: Mandatory minimum sentences replace a judge's discretion in sentencing with rigid formulas, which do not always serve the purpose of punishment for crimes. Adding additional offenses for which minimum sentences must be given moves Missouri in the wrong direction and places additional pressure on Missouri's already overcrowded prisons. 01/13/23

Last Action: 01/05/2023 H - Read Second Time

Expungement

Original Bill: [HB352](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Phil Christofanelli (R)

Description: Establishes provisions relating to expungement.

Position Statement: Support: Allowing offenders to have their criminal record expunged is a means of restorative justice by giving the offender an opportunity to return to being a productive member of society. 01/13/23

Last Action: 01/05/2023 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB753](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Justin Hicks (R)

Description: Establishes provisions relating to automatic expungement for certain cases.

Position Statement: Support: Allowing offenders to have their criminal record expunged is a means of restorative justice by giving the offender an opportunity to return to being a productive member of society. 01/13/23

Last Action: 01/11/2023 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB347](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Curtis Trent (R)

Description: Creates provisions relating to expungement.

Position Statement: Support: Allowing offenders to have their criminal record expunged is a means of restorative justice by giving the offender an opportunity to return to being a productive member of society. 01/13/23

Last Action: 01/04/2023 S - Read First Time

Original Bill: [SB36](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Brian Williams (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to expungement.

Position Statement: Support: Allowing offenders to have their criminal record expunged is a means of restorative justice by giving the offender an opportunity to return to being a productive member of society. 01/13/23

Last Action: 01/12/2023 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Original Bill: [SB371](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Karla May (D)

Description: Creates provisions relating to expungement.

Position Statement: Support: Allowing offenders to have their criminal record expunged is a means of restorative justice by giving the offender an opportunity to return to being a productive member of society. 01/13/23

Last Action: 01/04/2023 S - Read First Time

Gain Time for Good Behavior

Original Bill: [HB372](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to good time credit for offenders committed to the department of corrections.

Position Statement: Support: Inmates serving a term of years should be provided gain time for good behavior as a reward and an incentive. 01/13/23

Last Action: 01/05/2023 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB382](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Rasheen Aldridge (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to good time credit for offenders committed to the department of corrections.

Position Statement: Support: Inmates serving a term of years should be provided gain time for good behavior as a reward and an incentive. 01/13/23

Last Action: 01/05/2023 H - Read Second Time

Parole Requirements

Original Bill: [SB153](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Curtis Trent (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to minimum prison terms.

Position Statement: Support: To further the rehabilitative goal of criminal justice, this bill would provide incentives for incarcerated individuals to receive education and job training that they otherwise might not have the opportunity to receive as a requirement for parole. Allows those released from prison to more easily reenter society. 01/13/23

Last Action: 01/04/2023 S - Read First Time

Requiring Mandatory Minimums

Original Bill: [HB56](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ron Copeland (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to minimum prison terms.

Position Statement: Oppose: Mandatory minimum sentences replace a judge's discretion in sentencing with rigid formulas, which do not always serve the purpose of punishment for crimes. Adding additional offenses for which minimum sentences must be given moves Missouri in the wrong direction and places additional pressure on Missouri's already overcrowded prisons. 01/22/21

Last Action: 01/05/2023 H - Read Second Time

Wrongful Convictions/Compensation

Original Bill: [HB113](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Mark Sharp (D)

Description: Establishes provisions relating to restitution for individuals found to be actually innocent through any evidentiary method.

Position Statement: Support: As a matter of justice, persons wrongfully convicted deserve compensation. This legislation increases the compensation already provided under current law. 01/13/23

Last Action: 01/05/2023 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB146](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Steven Roberts (D)

Description: Creates provisions relating to compensation for wrongful convictions.

Position Statement: Support: As a matter of justice, persons wrongfully convicted deserve compensation. This legislation increases the compensation already provided under current law. 01/13/23

Last Action: 01/04/2023 S - Read First Time

Original Bill: [SB253](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Brian Williams (D)

Description: Creates a civil action awarding damages for wrongful convictions.

Position Statement: Support: As a matter of justice, persons wrongfully convicted deserve compensation.
This legislation increases the compensation already provided under current law. 01/13/23

Last Action: 01/04/2023 S - Read First Time

Original Bill: [SB446](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Barbara Washington (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to restitution for individuals who are actually innocent.

Position Statement: Support: As a matter of justice, persons wrongfully convicted deserve compensation.
This legislation increases the compensation already provided under current law. 01/13/23

Last Action: 01/04/2023 S - Read First Time
