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Synopsis of House Committee Amendments

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S.B. 256 of the 133rd General Assembly

House Criminal Justice

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Parole eligibility when offense is committed by a minor

Increases the special parole eligibility date added by the bill from after 25 years in prison to after 30 years in prison for a prisoner serving a prison sentence for two or more homicide offenses committed when the prisoner was under eighteen years of age, none of which was an aggravated homicide offense, and in at least two of which, the prisoner was the principal offender.

Specifies that a prisoner is “serving” a prison sentence for an offense if, on or after the bill’s effective date, the prisoner is serving a prison sentence for that offense, regardless of when the sentence was imposed or the offense was committed.

Abuse, neglect, and dependency

Allows for limited continuances in abuse, neglect, and dependency proceedings for good cause shown.