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Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments

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H.B. 50 of the 135th General Assembly

Senate Community Revitalization

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The committee made the following changes to the House-passed version of the bill:

Burden of proof

Changes the burden of proof from “clear and convincing” to “preponderance of the evidence” to determine if an applicant has not been rehabilitated if the sentencing court reviews evidence to rebut a presumption of eligibility for the issuance of a certificate of qualification for housing.

Department of Rehabilitation and Correction and Adult Parole Authority

Provides that if the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction or the Adult Parole Authority issues a certificate of achievement and employability to a prisoner, the Department or Authority must also issue a certificate of qualification for housing to the prisoner, if the prisoner has satisfactorily completed a tenant education, training, and readiness program approved by rule by the Department.

Provides that if a certificate of qualification for housing is not issued as described above, the court, rather than the court or the Department, may issue a certificate of qualification for housing.

Home Construction Service Suppliers Act

Makes home construction service contracts that are over \$25,000 for repairs, improvements, remodels, or renovations of existing structures subject to the Home Construction Service Suppliers Act.

Property tax exemption procedure for development property

Modifies a property tax exemption for improvements to certain residential development property by requiring that property owners apply for the exemption with the county auditor, rather than the Tax Commissioner.

Removes provisions that require the board of education to be notified of an application for such an exemption and that allow a board to participate in any hearing on an application.

Prohibits the filing of property tax complaints by third parties challenging a residential development property exemption.