

HOUSE BILL No. 4596

March 17, 2009, Introduced by Reps. Robert Jones, Meadows, Warren, Scripps, Tlaib, Switalski, Miller, Johnson, Jackson, Young, Durhal, Bettie Scott, Smith, Sheltroun, Cushingberry, Haugh and Roberts and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1953 PA 232, entitled
"Corrections code of 1953,"
by amending section 34 (MCL 791.234), as amended by 2006 PA 167.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 34. (1) Except as provided in section 34a, a prisoner
2 sentenced to an indeterminate sentence and confined in a state
3 correctional facility with a minimum in terms of years other than a
4 prisoner subject to disciplinary time is subject to the
5 jurisdiction of the parole board when the prisoner has served a
6 period of time equal to the minimum sentence imposed by the court
7 for the crime of which he or she was convicted, less good time and
8 disciplinary credits, if applicable.

9 (2) Except as provided in section 34a, a prisoner subject to
10 disciplinary time sentenced to an indeterminate sentence and
11 confined in a state correctional facility with a minimum in terms

1 of years is subject to the jurisdiction of the parole board when
2 the prisoner has served a period of time equal to the minimum
3 sentence imposed by the court for the crime of which he or she was
4 convicted.

5 (3) If a prisoner other than a prisoner subject to
6 disciplinary time is sentenced for consecutive terms, whether
7 received at the same time or at any time during the life of the
8 original sentence, the parole board has jurisdiction over the
9 prisoner for purposes of parole when the prisoner has served the
10 total time of the added minimum terms, less the good time and
11 disciplinary credits allowed by statute. The maximum terms of the
12 sentences shall be added to compute the new maximum term under this
13 subsection, and discharge shall be issued only after the total of
14 the maximum sentences has been served less good time and
15 disciplinary credits, unless the prisoner is paroled and discharged
16 upon satisfactory completion of the parole.

17 (4) If a prisoner subject to disciplinary time is sentenced
18 for consecutive terms, whether received at the same time or at any
19 time during the life of the original sentence, the parole board has
20 jurisdiction over the prisoner for purposes of parole when the
21 prisoner has served the total time of the added minimum terms. The
22 maximum terms of the sentences shall be added to compute the new
23 maximum term under this subsection, and discharge shall be issued
24 only after the total of the maximum sentences has been served,
25 unless the prisoner is paroled and discharged upon satisfactory
26 completion of the parole.

27 (5) If a prisoner other than a prisoner subject to

1 disciplinary time has 1 or more consecutive terms remaining to
2 serve in addition to the term he or she is serving, the parole
3 board may terminate the sentence the prisoner is presently serving
4 at any time after the minimum term of the sentence has been served.

5 (6) A prisoner sentenced to imprisonment for life for any of
6 the following is not eligible for parole and is instead subject to
7 the provisions of section 44:

8 (a) First degree murder in violation of section 316 of the
9 Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.316.

10 (b) A violation of section 16(5) or 18(7) of the Michigan
11 penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.16 and 750.18.

12 (c) A violation of chapter XXXIII of the Michigan penal code,
13 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.200 to 750.212a.

14 (d) A violation of section 17764(7) of the public health code,
15 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.17764.

16 (e) First degree criminal sexual conduct in violation of
17 section 520b(2)(c) of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL
18 750.520b.

19 (f) Any other violation for which parole eligibility is
20 expressly denied under state law.

21 (7) A prisoner sentenced to imprisonment for life, other than
22 a prisoner described in subsection (6), is subject to the
23 jurisdiction of the parole board and may be placed on parole
24 according to the conditions prescribed in subsection (8) if he or
25 she meets any of the following criteria:

26 (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) or (c), the prisoner
27 has served 10 calendar years of the sentence for a crime committed

1 before October 1, 1992 or 15 calendar years of the sentence for a
2 crime committed on or after October 1, 1992.

3 (b) Except as provided in subsection (12), the prisoner has
4 served 20 calendar years of a sentence for violating or conspiring
5 to violate section 7401(2)(a)(i) of the public health code, 1978 PA
6 368, MCL 333.7401, and has another conviction for a serious crime.

7 (c) Except as provided in subsection (12), the prisoner has
8 served 17-1/2 calendar years of the sentence for violating or
9 conspiring to violate section 7401(2)(a)(i) of the public health
10 code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7401, and does not have another
11 conviction for a serious crime.

12 (8) A parole granted to a prisoner under subsection (7) is
13 subject to the following conditions:

14 (a) At the conclusion of 10 calendar years of the prisoner's
15 sentence and thereafter as determined by the parole board until the
16 prisoner is paroled, discharged, or deceased, and in accordance
17 with the procedures described in subsection (9), 1 member of the
18 parole board shall interview the prisoner. The interview schedule
19 prescribed in this subdivision applies to all prisoners to whom
20 subsection (7) applies, regardless of the date on which they were
21 sentenced.

22 (b) In addition to the interview schedule prescribed in
23 subdivision (a), the parole board shall review the prisoner's file
24 at the conclusion of 15 calendar years of the prisoner's sentence
25 and every 5 years thereafter until the prisoner is paroled,
26 discharged, or deceased. A prisoner whose file is to be reviewed
27 under this subdivision shall be notified of the upcoming file

1 review at least 30 days before the file review takes place and
2 shall be allowed to submit written statements or documentary
3 evidence for the parole board's consideration in conducting the
4 file review.

5 (c) A decision to grant or deny parole to the prisoner shall
6 not be made until after a public hearing held in the manner
7 prescribed for pardons and commutations in sections 44 and 45.
8 Notice of the public hearing shall be given to the sentencing
9 judge, or the judge's successor in office, and parole shall not be
10 granted if the sentencing judge, or the judge's successor in
11 office, files written objections to the granting of the parole
12 within 30 days of receipt of the notice of hearing. The written
13 objections shall be made part of the prisoner's file.

14 (d) A parole granted under subsection (7) shall be for a
15 period of not less than 4 years and subject to the usual rules
16 pertaining to paroles granted by the parole board. A parole granted
17 under subsection (7) is not valid until the transcript of the
18 record is filed with the attorney general whose certification of
19 receipt of the transcript shall be returnable to the office of the
20 parole board within 5 days. Except for medical records protected
21 under section 2157 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA
22 236, MCL 600.2157, the file of a prisoner granted a parole under
23 subsection (7) is a public record.

24 (9) An interview conducted under subsection (8)(a) is subject
25 to both of the following requirements:

26 (a) The prisoner shall be given written notice, not less than
27 30 days before the interview date, stating that the interview will

1 be conducted.

2 (b) The prisoner may be represented at the interview by an
3 individual of his or her choice. The representative shall not be
4 another prisoner. A prisoner is not entitled to appointed counsel
5 at public expense. The prisoner or representative may present
6 relevant evidence in favor of holding a public hearing as allowed
7 in subsection (8)(b).

8 (10) In determining whether a prisoner convicted of violating
9 or conspiring to violate section 7401(2)(a)(i) of the public health
10 code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7401, and sentenced to imprisonment for
11 life before October 1, 1998 is to be released on parole, the parole
12 board shall consider all of the following:

13 (a) Whether the violation was part of a continuing series of
14 violations of section 7401 or 7403 of the public health code, 1978
15 PA 368, MCL 333.7401 and 333.7403, by that individual.

16 (b) Whether the violation was committed by the individual in
17 concert with 5 or more other individuals.

18 (c) Any of the following:

19 (i) Whether the individual was a principal administrator,
20 organizer, or leader of an entity that the individual knew or had
21 reason to know was organized, in whole or in part, to commit
22 violations of section 7401 or 7403 of the public health code, 1978
23 PA 368, MCL 333.7401 and 333.7403, and whether the violation for
24 which the individual was convicted was committed to further the
25 interests of that entity.

26 (ii) Whether the individual was a principal administrator,
27 organizer, or leader of an entity that the individual knew or had

1 reason to know committed violations of section 7401 or 7403 of the
2 public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7401 and 333.7403, and
3 whether the violation for which the individual was convicted was
4 committed to further the interests of that entity.

5 (iii) Whether the violation was committed in a drug-free school
6 zone.

7 (iv) Whether the violation involved the delivery of a
8 controlled substance to an individual less than 17 years of age or
9 possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance to an
10 individual less than 17 years of age.

11 (11) Except as provided in section 34a, a prisoner's release
12 on parole is discretionary with the parole board. The action of the
13 parole board in granting a parole is appealable by the prosecutor
14 of the county from which the prisoner was committed or the victim
15 of the crime for which the prisoner was convicted. The appeal shall
16 be to the circuit court in the county from which the prisoner was
17 committed, by leave of the court.

18 (12) If the sentencing judge, or his or her successor in
19 office, determines on the record that a prisoner described in
20 subsection (7) (b) or (c) sentenced to imprisonment for life for
21 violating or conspiring to violate section 7401(2) (a) (i) of the
22 public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7401, has cooperated with
23 law enforcement, the prisoner is subject to the jurisdiction of the
24 parole board and may be released on parole as provided in
25 subsection (7) (b) or (c) 2-1/2 years earlier than the time
26 otherwise indicated in subsection (7) (b) or (c). The prisoner is
27 considered to have cooperated with law enforcement if the court

1 determines on the record that the prisoner had no relevant or
2 useful information to provide. The court shall not make a
3 determination that the prisoner failed or refused to cooperate with
4 law enforcement on grounds that the defendant exercised his or her
5 constitutional right to trial by jury. If the court determines at
6 sentencing that the defendant cooperated with law enforcement, the
7 court shall include its determination in the judgment of sentence.

8 (13) An individual convicted of violating or conspiring to
9 violate section 7401(2)(a)(ii) or 7403(2)(a)(ii) of the public health
10 code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7401 and 333.7403, before March 1, 2003
11 is eligible for parole after serving the minimum of each sentence
12 imposed for that violation or 10 years of each sentence imposed for
13 that violation, whichever is less.

14 (14) An individual convicted of violating or conspiring to
15 violate section 7401(2)(a)(iii) or 7403(2)(a)(iii) of the public health
16 code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7401 and 333.7403, before March 1, 2003
17 is eligible for parole after serving the minimum of each sentence
18 imposed for that violation or 5 years of each sentence imposed for
19 that violation, whichever is less.

20 (15) An individual convicted of violating or conspiring to
21 violate section 7401(2)(a)(iv) or 7403(2)(a)(iv) of the public health
22 code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7401 and 333.7403, before March 1, 2003
23 who is sentenced to a term of imprisonment that is consecutive to a
24 term of imprisonment imposed for any other violation of section
25 7401(2)(a)(i) to (iv) or section 7403(2)(a)(i) to (iv) is eligible for
26 parole after serving 1/2 of the minimum sentence imposed for each
27 violation of section 7401(2)(a)(iv) or 7403(2)(a)(iv). This

1 subsection does not apply if the sentence was imposed for a
2 conviction for a new offense committed while the individual is on
3 probation or parole.

4 (16) NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING ELSE TO THE CONTRARY IN THIS
5 SECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE WHEN HE OR
6 SHE COMMITTED A CRIME FOR WHICH HE OR SHE WAS SENTENCED TO SERVE A
7 MINIMUM TERM OF IMPRISONMENT OF 10 YEARS OR MORE, OR WHO WAS
8 SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE, INCLUDING IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE
9 WITHOUT PAROLE ELIGIBILITY, WHO HAS SERVED 10 YEARS OF HIS OR HER
10 SENTENCE IS SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE PAROLE BOARD AND MAY
11 BE RELEASED ON PAROLE BY THE PAROLE BOARD. IN DETERMINING WHETHER
12 TO RELEASE AN INDIVIDUAL ON PAROLE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE
13 PAROLE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

14 (A) THE INDIVIDUAL'S AGE AND LEVEL OF MATURITY AT THE TIME OF
15 THE OFFENSE.

16 (B) THE INDIVIDUAL'S DEGREE OF PARTICIPATION IN THE OFFENSE.

17 (C) THE NATURE OF THE OFFENSE.

18 (D) THE SEVERITY OF THE OFFENSE.

19 (E) THE INDIVIDUAL'S PRIOR JUVENILE OR CRIMINAL HISTORY.

20 (F) THE INDIVIDUAL'S LIKELIHOOD TO COMMIT FURTHER OFFENSES.

21 (G) ANY OTHER INFORMATION CONSIDERED RELEVANT BY THE PAROLE
22 BOARD.

23 (17) ~~(16)~~—The parole board shall provide notice to the
24 prosecuting attorney of the county in which the individual was
25 convicted before granting parole to the individual under subsection
26 (13), (14), ~~or~~ (15), OR (16).

27 (18) ~~(17)~~—As used in this section:

1 (a) "Serious crime" means violating or conspiring to violate
2 article 7 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7101 to
3 333.7545, that is punishable by imprisonment for more than 4 years,
4 or an offense against a person in violation of section 83, 84, 86,
5 87, 88, 89, 316, 317, 321, 349, 349a, 350, 397, 520b, 520c, 520d,
6 520g, 529, 529a, or 530 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328,
7 MCL 750.83, 750.84, 750.86, 750.87, 750.88, 750.89, 750.316,
8 750.317, 750.321, 750.349, 750.349a, 750.350, 750.397, 750.520b,
9 750.520c, 750.520d, 750.520g, 750.529, 750.529a, and 750.530.

10 (b) "State correctional facility" means a facility that houses
11 prisoners committed to the jurisdiction of the department, and
12 includes a youth correctional facility operated under section 20g
13 by the department or a private vendor.

14 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
15 unless all of the following bills of the 95th Legislature are
16 enacted into law:

17 (a) Senate Bill No.____ or House Bill No. 4594(request no.
18 01625'09).

19 (b) Senate Bill No.____ or House Bill No. 4595(request no.
20 01625'09 a).

21 (c) Senate Bill No.____ or House Bill No. 4518(request no.
22 01625'09 c).