

HCS HB 49 & 50 -- EARLY RELEASE OF OFFENDERS (Jolly)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Judiciary

This substitute repeals a provision that allows first-time, nonviolent class C or class D felony offenders to petition the court for early release after serving 120 days of their sentence. Currently, crime victims and witnesses are required to be notified when a parole or release hearing is scheduled and when the Board of Probation and Parole makes a decision to release an offender. The substitute specifies that notice must also be given to crime victims and witnesses when an offender petitions for early release after the completion of a drug and alcohol treatment program, as well as when the circuit court releases an offender after the completion of a treatment program.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Income on General Revenue Fund of Less than \$100,000 in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008.