

HB 2785 -- PAROLE

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This bill specifies any offender serving a sentence of life without parole, if the offender has served at least thirty years of his or her sentence, the Board of Probation and Parole, in its discretion, may grant parole to such offender if the board finds the offender has been rehabilitated and his or her release would be without detriment to the community or the offender.

Any offender released under these provisions is subject to lifetime parole supervision, as provided in this section.

Before ordering the parole of an offender under these provisions the board must require the offender to appear before a hearing panel and comply with all applicable procedures.

The board is required to develop a plan that contains appropriate conditions for the person to be released on parole and other specified provisions and conditions. A mandatory condition of lifetime supervision of an offender is that the offender be electronically monitored. Electronic monitoring must be based on a global positioning system or other technology that identifies and records the offender's location at all times.

If any parole officer has reasonable cause to believe that a person on parole has violated a condition of his or her parole or that the person is no longer a proper subject for parole, the officer may issue a warrant for the person's arrest. The warrant must direct any peace officer to take the person into custody immediately so that the person can be returned to a secured facility.