

HB 1520 -- CRIMINAL PUNISHMENT

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This bill contains a presumption that offenders are competent to participate in parole hearings without appointed counsel unless it is shown that they cannot understand the circumstances and procedures of the hearing.

Where there is probable cause that an offender committed a felony while on probation or parole for a felony offense, then they may be presumed to pose a danger and held for a violation hearing.

The bill also modifies the relevant evidence for granting bail by including factors such as whether a defendant is a flight risk or has previously been found guilty of specified crimes.