

HB 1040 -- TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT

SPONSOR: Ellington

This bill specifies that, at the discretion of the Parole Board, the minimum terms for parole eligibility of consecutive sentences may be calculated as the minimum terms parole eligibility of concurrent sentences. Before making a calculation, either upon the board's own motion or upon an offender's petition, the board must conduct a hearing and determine whether the sum of the minimum terms is an unreasonably excessive total term. The bill also specifies what the board must consider the crime or crimes of the offender, the sentences received by other offenders similarly situated, the offender's institutional record and rehabilitation efforts by the offender, and whether the offender would successfully reintegrate into his or her community.