

HB 389 -- MINIMUM PRISON TERMS

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Currently, offenders convicted of certain offenses who also have one or more previous commitments to the Department of Corrections are required to serve a minimum percentage of the sentence imposed, depending on the number of the previous prison commitments. This bill repeals the previous commitment-based tier and specifies that an offender who has no previous commitments to the Department of Corrections must serve 75% of the offender's sentence, and an offender who has one or more previous commitments must serve 80% of his or her sentence. An offender who has been convicted of the offense of rape in the first degree or attempted rape in the first degree; enticement of a child or attempted enticement of a child; or armed criminal action must serve 100% of the sentence.