HCS HBs 862, 314 & 389 -- MINIMUM PRISON TERMS (Hovis)

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Currently, if an offender convicted of one of the offenses specified in statute has one previous prison commitment to the Department of Corrections for a felony offense, the minimum prison term is 40% of the sentence. If an offender has two previous prison commitments to the Department of Corrections for felony offenses, the minimum prison term is 50% of the sentence. If an offender has three or more previous prison commitments to the Department of Corrections, the minimum prison term is 80% of the sentence. If an offender who was convicted of, or pled guilty to, a felony offense other than one of the specified offenses in statute prior to August 28, 2019, the offender is no longer subject to the minimum prison term in these provisions and is eligible for parole, conditional release, or other early release, as specified.

This bill repeals these provisions, requiring any offender with one or two prior felony convictions to serve 50% of the sentence imposed by the court and any offender with three or more prior felony convictions to serve 80% of the sentence.

The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.