

HB 1506 -- MINIMUM PRISON TERMS

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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 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, 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 no prior felony convictions to serve 50% of the sentence imposed by the court, and any offender with one or more prior felony convictions, rather than commitments to the Department, to serve 85% of the sentence. The bill also limits the percentage an offender can have reduced from his or her sentence as good time credit or time served performing community service to 25%.

This bill is similar to HB 862 (2025).