

HB 1620 -- SENTENCING OF INDIVIDUALS UNDER 19 YEARS OF AGE

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Currently, a person who was under the age of 18 at the time of the commission of an offense and was subsequently sentenced to life without eligibility for parole, or who was convicted of first degree murder and was sentenced to a term of life imprisonment with eligibility for parole or to a term of imprisonment of 30-40 years, can petition the Parole Board for a review of his or her sentence. This bill increases the age to under 19 years of age.

Currently, the punishment for a person who was 18 years old or older when he or she committed first degree murder is death or life imprisonment without the possibility of probation or parole or release except by act of the Governor. This bill changes the age to 19 years old or older.

One of the current penalties for a person who is convicted of first degree murder who was under 18 years old at the time of the offense is life imprisonment without the possibility of probation or parole. This bill repeals that penalty option and raises the age to under 19 years old.