

SENATE BILL NO. 582

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR NURRENBERN.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapters 217 and 558, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to terms of imprisonment.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapters 217 and 558, RSMo, are amended by
2 adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 217.738
3 and 558.500, to read as follows:

**217.738. 1. Any offender receiving a reduction of
2 sentence under section 558.500 shall be granted a hearing
3 before the parole board.**

**4 2. In addition to meeting all other requirements of
5 this chapter, for an offender receiving a reduction of
6 sentence under section 558.500 to be eligible for supervised
7 release as a condition of parole, the offender shall provide
8 to the board the following:**

**9 (1) At least five statements from current or former
10 department of corrections employees attesting to the
11 offender's demonstration of institutional adaptability and
12 the offender's conduct in the correctional center;**

**13 (2) Signed statements of at least twenty residents of
14 the community where the offender will reside upon release
15 supporting the offender's release and who commit to
16 providing assistance with the offender's reentry into the
17 community; and**

18 (3) A safe and secure home plan for implementation
19 upon the offender's release.

 558.500. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of
2 law to the contrary, the sentencing court may, upon
3 petition, reduce a sentence of life without eligibility for
4 probation or parole, or reduce a sentence of thirty years or
5 greater, to a sentence of life with eligibility for
6 probation or parole if the court determines that:

7 (1) The convicted person has served at least thirty
8 years in the department of corrections;

9 (2) The convicted person was under twenty years of age
10 at the time the offense was committed; and

11 (3) Since the commission of the offense the convicted
12 person has:

13 (a) Made reasonable efforts toward rehabilitation by
14 successfully completing rehabilitation programs, which may
15 include, but shall not be limited to, substance abuse
16 treatment, effective communication classes, victim impact
17 classes, vocational training, correspondence courses to
18 obtain a degree or diploma, or acquiring job skills; and

19 (b) Exhibited model citizen behavior within his or her
20 correctional facility, which may include, but shall not be
21 limited to, maintaining sobriety or demonstrating sober
22 living; demonstrating traits of leadership; and attending
23 education-based activities, which may include, but shall not
24 be limited to, coursework relating to victim impact,
25 restorative justice, substance abuse treatment, or effective
26 communication.

27 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
28 contrary, the division of probation and parole shall
29 supervise any convicted person receiving a reduction of

30 sentence under subsection 1 of this section for the duration
31 of the convicted person's natural life.

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