

HCS HB 356 -- BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE DECISIONS

SPONSOR: Jones

COMMITTEE ACTIONS: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Corrections by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill specifies that decisions of the Board of Probation and Parole within the Department of Corrections regarding the granting of paroles, extensions of a conditional release date, or revocations of a parole or conditional release must occur within 90 days of the time of the hearing or personal interview.

The hearing panel must make a decision within 90 days of the personal interview when determining if an offender can be released without detriment to the community or to himself or herself, and any victim of the crime for which the offender is incarcerated must be notified of the panel's decision.

PROPONENTS: Supporters of the bill say that there are instances where the Board of Probation and Parole has a hearing but takes no action. The bill requires the board to make a decision on each hearing or interview within a specified time period.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Jones.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.