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NO PAROLE WITHOUT G.E.D.

House Bill 4206

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Committee: Judiciary and Civil Rights

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4206 AS INTRODUCED 1-30-95

The bill would amend the Department of Corrections act (Public Act 232 of 1953), to make a high school diploma or a general education development (G.E.D.) certificate a condition of parole for a prisoner serving under a minimum term of at least two years. That is, parole would generally be barred for such a prisoner until the education requirement was met. However, the requirement would not apply to any prisoner who had a learning disability, who did not have the necessary proficiency in English, or who for some other reason through no fault of his or her own was unable to successfully complete the educational requirements. The Department of Corrections would have to provide English language training for prisoners lacking proficiency in English.

The bill also would clarify that certain provisions regarding prisoners subject to disciplinary time ("truth-in-sentencing") would not take effect until Public Act 217 of 1994 (enrolled Senate Bill 40, which provided for "truth-in-sentencing") took effect.

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