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## LIMIT PAROLE BOARD INTERVIEWS

House Bill 4624

Sponsor: Rep. Scott Shackleton

Committee: Criminal Law and Corrections

Complete to 9-14-99

### A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4624 AS INTRODUCED 5-4-99

The bill would amend the Department of Corrections Act to change the requirements regarding when a prisoner must be interviewed by a member of the parole board and a prisoner's right to appeal a decision of the parole board. Under the current law, a prisoner who is serving a life sentence must be interviewed by a member of the parole board after serving 10 years of his or her sentence and at least every five years thereafter. Although the requirement that a prisoner be interviewed after serving 10 years would continue, further interviews would be conducted at the discretion of the parole board.

In addition, the bill would also remove provisions that allow a prisoner to appeal the parole board's decisions. The only persons who could appeal the board's decisions would be the prosecutor from the county where the prisoner was committed and the victim of the crime for which the prisoner was convicted.

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