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Senate Bill 599 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Erika Geiss
Committee: Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Corrections Code to allow a medically frail prisoner eligible for medical parole to be released to a placement approved by the parole board, instead of a parole board approved medical facility. The bill would specify that if the placement were not in a medical facility, the parolee could be subject to electronic monitoring at the time of release on parole. Additionally, the bill would include among the medical conditions qualifying a parolee as medically frail a terminal medical or mental health condition resulting in life expectancy of under 18 months.

MCL 791.234 & 791.235

BRIEF RATIONALE

Public Act (PA) 13 of 2019 allowed a parole board to grant medical parole for certain medically frail prisoners. According to testimony before the Senate Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety, only one individual has been granted medical parole since PA 13's enactment. Reportedly, medical facilities have declined to accept or do not have the capacity to accept medically frail parolees. It has been suggested to allow eligible medically frail parolees to have a home placement with family access.

Legislative Analyst: Eleni Lionas

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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