56.26	ARTICLE 9
56.27	CLEMENCY REFORM
56.28	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 13.871, subdivision 8, is amended to read:
56.29 56.30 56.31	Subd. 8. Board of Pardons Clemency Review Commission records. Access to Board of Pardons records of the Clemency Review Commission is governed by section 638.07 638.20.
57.1	Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 299C.11, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
57.2	Subd. 3. <b>Definitions.</b> For purposes of this section:
57.3 57.4	(1) "determination of all pending criminal actions or proceedings in favor of the arrested person" does not include:
57.5 57.6	(i) the sealing of a criminal record pursuant to section 152.18, subdivision 1, 242.31, or chapter 609A;
57.7	(ii) the arrested person's successful completion of a diversion program;
57.8	(iii) an order of discharge under section 609.165; or
57.9	(iv) a pardon granted under section 638.02 chapter 638; and
57.10	(2) "targeted misdemeanor" has the meaning given in section 299C.10, subdivision 1.
57.11	Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 638.01, is amended to read:
57.12	638.01 BOARD OF PARDONS; HOW CONSTITUTED; POWERS.
57.13 57.14 57.15 57.16 57.17	The Board of Pardons shall consist consists of the governor, the chief justice of the supreme court, and the attorney general. The board governor in conjunction with the board may grant pardons and reprieves and commute the sentence of any person convicted of any offense against the laws of the state, in the manner and under the conditions and rules hereinafter prescribed, but not otherwise clemency according to this chapter.
57.18	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE.</b> This section is effective the day following final enactment.
57.19	Sec. 4. [638.011] DEFINITIONS.
57.20 57.21	Subdivision 1. Scope. For purposes of this chapter, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given.
57.22	Subd. 2. Board. "Board" means the Board of Pardons under section 638.01.
57.23 57.24 57.25	Subd. 3. Clemency. Unless otherwise provided, "clemency" includes a pardon, commutation, and reprieve after conviction for a crime against the state except in cases of impeachment.

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110.1	ARTICLE 5
110.2	CLEMENCY PROVISIONS
110.3	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 13.871, subdivision 8, is amended to read:
110.4 110.5 110.6	Subd. 8. <u>Board of Pardons Clemency Review Commission records.</u> Access to <u>Board of Pardons</u> records <u>of the Clemency Review Commission</u> is governed by section <u>638.07</u> <u>638.20</u> .
110.7	Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 299C.11, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
110.8	Subd. 3. <b>Definitions.</b> For purposes of this section:
110.9 110.10	(1) "determination of all pending criminal actions or proceedings in favor of the arrested person" does not include:
110.11 110.12	(i) the sealing of a criminal record pursuant to section 152.18, subdivision 1, 242.31, or chapter 609A;
110.13	(ii) the arrested person's successful completion of a diversion program;
110.14	(iii) an order of discharge under section 609.165; or
110.15	(iv) a pardon granted under section 638.02 chapter 638; and
110.16	(2) "targeted misdemeanor" has the meaning given in section 299C.10, subdivision 1.
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110.24	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE.</b> This section is effective the day following final enactment.
110.25	Sec. 4. [638.011] DEFINITIONS.
110.26 110.27	$\underline{\text{Subdivision 1. Scope.}} \ \underline{\text{For purposes of this chapter, the terms defined in this section have}} \ \underline{\text{the meanings given.}}$
110.28	Subd. 2. Board. "Board" means the Board of Pardons under section 638.01.
111.1 111.2 111.3	Subd. 3. Clemency. Unless otherwise provided, "clemency" includes a pardon, commutation, and reprieve after conviction for a crime against the state except in cases of impeachment.

157.26 157.27	<u>Subd. 4. Commission.</u> "Commission" means the Clemency Review Commission under section 638.09.
157.28	Subd. 5. <b>Department.</b> "Department" means the Department of Corrections.
158.1 158.2	Subd. 6. Waiver request. "Waiver request" means a request to waive a time restriction under sections 638.12, subdivisions 2 and 3, and 638.19, subdivision 1.
158.3	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2023.
158.4	Sec. 5. [638.09] CLEMENCY REVIEW COMMISSION.
158.5 158.6	Subdivision 1. Establishment; duties. (a) The Clemency Review Commission is established to:
158.7	(1) review each eligible elemency application and waiver request that it receives;
158.8 158.9	(2) recommend to the board, in writing, whether to grant or deny the application or waiver request, with each member's vote reported;
158.10 158.11	(3) recommend to the board, in writing, whether the board should conduct a hearing on a clemency application, with each member's vote reported; and
158.12 158.13	(4) provide victim support services, assistance to applicants, and other assistance as the <u>board requires.</u>
158.14	(b) Unless otherwise provided:
158.15 158.16	(1) the commission's recommendations under this chapter are nonbinding on the governor or the board; and
158.17	(2) chapter 15 applies unless otherwise inconsistent with this chapter.
158.18 158.19	Subd. 2. Composition. (a) The commission consists of nine members, each serving a term coterminous with the governor.
158.20 158.21 158.22	(b) The governor, the attorney general, and the chief justice of the supreme court must each appoint three members to serve on the commission and replace members when the members' terms expire. Members serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority.
158.23 158.24	Subd. 3. <b>Appointments to commission.</b> (a) An appointing authority is encouraged to consider the following criteria when appointing a member:
158.25 158.26	(1) expertise in law, corrections, victims' services, correctional supervision, mental health, and substance abuse treatment; and
158.27 158.28	(2) experience addressing systemic disparities, including but not limited to disparities based on race, gender, and ability.

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111.20	(b) Unless otherwise provided:
111.21 111.22	$\underline{\text{(1) the commission's recommendations under this chapter are nonbinding on the governor}} \\ \underline{\text{or the board; and}}$
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112.1 112.2	(1) expertise in law, corrections, victims' services, correctional supervision, mental health, and substance abuse treatment; and
112.3 112.4	(2) experience addressing systemic disparities, including but not limited to disparities based on race, gender, and ability.

58.29 58.30	(b) An appointing authority must seek out and encourage qualified individuals to apply to serve on the commission, including:
59.1	(1) members of Indigenous communities, Black communities, and other communities of color;
59.3	(2) members diverse as to gender identity; and
59.4	(3) members diverse as to age and ability.
59.5 59.6	(c) If there is a vacancy, the appointing authority who selected the vacating member must make an interim appointment to expire at the end of the vacating member's term.
59.7 59.8	(d) A member may continue to serve until the member's successor is appointed, but a member may not serve more than eight years in total.
59.9 59.10	Subd. 4. Commission; generally. (a) The commission must biennially elect one of its members as chair and one as vice-chair. The chair serves as the board's secretary.
59.11	(b) Each commission member must be:
59.12	(1) compensated at a rate of \$150 for each day or part of the day spent on commission
59.13	activities; and
59.14	(2) reimbursed for all reasonable expenses actually paid or incurred by the member while
59.15	performing official duties.
59.16	(c) Beginning January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the board may set a new per
59.17	diem rate for commission members, not to exceed an amount ten percent higher than the
59.18	previous year's rate.
59.19	Subd. 5. Executive director. (a) The board must appoint a commission executive director
59.20	knowledgeable about clemency and criminal justice. The executive director serves at the
59.21	pleasure of the board in the unclassified service as an executive branch employee.
59.22	(b) The executive director's salary is set in accordance with section 15A.0815, subdivision
59.23	<u>3.</u>
59.24	(c) The executive director may obtain office space and supplies and hire administrative
59.25	staff necessary to carry out the commission's official functions, including providing
59.26	administrative support to the board and attending board meetings. Any additional staff serve
59.27	in the unclassified service at the pleasure of the executive director.
59.28	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE.</b> This section is effective August 1, 2023.
59.29	Sec. 6. [638.10] CLEMENCY APPLICATION.
59.30	Subdivision 1. Required contents. A clemency application must:
60.1	(1) be in writing;

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112.5 112.6	(b) An appointing authority must seek out and encourage qualified individuals to apply to serve on the commission, including:
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112.10	(3) members diverse as to age and ability.
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112.18 112.19	(1) compensated at a rate of \$150 for each day or part of the day spent on commission activities; and
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112.25 112.26 112.27	Subd. 5. <b>Executive director.</b> (a) The board must appoint a commission executive director knowledgeable about elemency and criminal justice. The executive director serves at the pleasure of the board in the unclassified service as an executive branch employee.
112.28 112.29	(b) The executive director's salary is set in accordance with section 15A.0815, subdivision $3$ .
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113.3	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2023.
113.4	Sec. 6. [638.10] CLEMENCY APPLICATION.
113.5	Subdivision 1. Required contents. A clemency application must:
113.6	(1) be in writing;

160.2	(2) be signed under oath by the applicant; and
160.3	(3) state the clemency sought, state why the clemency should be granted, and contain the following information and any additional information that the commission or board
160.5	requires:
160.6 160.7	(i) the applicant's name, address, and date and place of birth, and every alias by which the applicant is or has been known;
160.8 160.9	(ii) the applicant's demographic information, including race, ethnicity, gender, disability status, and age, only if voluntarily reported;
160.10 160.11	(iii) the name of the crime for which elemency is requested, the date and county of conviction, the sentence imposed, and the sentence's expiration or discharge date;
160.12 160.13	(iv) the names of the sentencing judge, the prosecuting attorney, and any victims of the crime;
160.14	(v) a brief description of the crime and the applicant's age at the time of the crime;
160.15	(vi) the date and outcome of any prior elemency application, including any application
160.16	submitted before July 1, 2024;
160.17 160.18	(vii) to the best of the applicant's knowledge, a statement of any past criminal conviction and any pending criminal charge or investigation;
160.19 160.20	(viii) for an applicant under the department's custody, a statement describing the applicant's reentry plan should elemency be granted; and
160.21	(ix) an applicant statement acknowledging and consenting to the disclosure to the commission, board, and public of any private data on the applicant in the application or in
160.23	any other record relating to the elemency being sought, including conviction and arrest
160.24	records.
160.25	Subd. 2. <b>Required form.</b> (a) An application must be made on a commission-approved
160.26	form or forms and filed with the commission by commission-prescribed deadlines. The
160.27	commission must consult with the board on the forms and deadlines.
160.28	(b) The application must include language informing the applicant that the board and
160.29	the commission will consider any and all past convictions and that the applicant may provide
160.30	information about the convictions.
161.1	Subd. 3. Reviewing application for completeness. The commission must review an
161.2	application for completeness. An incomplete application must be returned to the applicant,
161.3	who may then provide the missing information and resubmit the application within a
161.4	commission-prescribed period.
161.5	Subd. 4. <b>Notice to applicant.</b> After the commission's initial investigation of a clemency
161.6	application, the commission must notify the applicant of the scheduled date, time, and

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113.11 113.12	(i) the applicant's name, address, and date and place of birth, and every alias by which the applicant is or has been known;
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113.15 113.16	(iii) the name of the crime for which clemency is requested, the date and county of conviction, the sentence imposed, and the sentence's expiration or discharge date;
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114.7 114.8 114.9 114.10	Subd. 3. Reviewing application for completeness. The commission must review an application for completeness. An incomplete application must be returned to the applicant, who may then provide the missing information and resubmit the application within a commission-prescribed period.
114.11 114.12	Subd. 4. Notice to applicant. After the commission's initial investigation of a clemency application, the commission must notify the applicant of the scheduled date, time, and

161.7 161.8	location that the applicant must appear before the commission for a meeting under section 638.14.
161.9 161.10	Subd. 5. <b>Equal access to information.</b> Each board and commission member must have equal access to information under this chapter that is used when making a clemency decision
161.11	Sec. 7. [638.11] THIRD-PARTY NOTIFICATIONS.
161.12 161.13 161.14	Subdivision 1. Notice to victim; victim rights. (a) After receiving a clemency application, the commission must make all reasonable efforts to locate any victim of the applicant's crime.
161.15 161.16	(b) At least 30 calendar days before the commission meeting at which the application will be heard, the commission must notify any located victim of:
161.17	(1) the application;
161.18	(2) the meeting's scheduled date, time, and location; and
161.19 161.20	(3) the victim's right to attend the meeting and submit an oral or written statement to the commission.
161.21	(c) The commission must make all reasonable efforts to ensure that a victim can:
161.22	(1) submit an oral or written statement; and
161.23 161.24	(2) receive victim support services as necessary to help the victim submit a statement and participate in the elemency process.
161.25 161.26 161.27 161.28 161.29	Subd. 2. Notice to sentencing judge and prosecuting attorney. (a) At least 30 calendarys before the commission meeting at which the application will be heard, the commission must notify the sentencing judge and prosecuting attorney or their successors of the application and solicit the judge's and attorney's written statements on whether to grant clemency.
161.30 161.31	(b) Unless otherwise provided in this chapter, "law enforcement agency" includes the sentencing judge and prosecuting attorney or their successors.
162.1 162.2 162.3 162.4	Subd. 3. Notice to public. At least 30 calendar days before the commission meeting at which the application will be heard, the commission must publish notice of an application in a qualified newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the applicant's crime occurred.
162.5	Sec. 8. [638.12] TYPES OF CLEMENCY; ELIGIBILITY AND WAIVER.
162.6	Subdivision 1. Types of clemency; requirements. (a) The board may:
162.7	(1) pardon a criminal conviction imposed under the laws of this state;

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	location that the applicant must appear before the commission for a meeting under section 638.14.
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14.21 14.22	(b) At least 30 calendar days before the commission meeting at which the application will be heard, the commission must notify any located victim of:
14.23	(1) the application;
14.24	(2) the meeting's scheduled date, time, and location; and
14.25 14.26	(3) the victim's right to attend the meeting and submit an oral or written statement to the commission.
14.27	(c) The commission must make all reasonable efforts to ensure that a victim can:
14.28	(1) submit an oral or written statement; and
14.29 14.30	(2) receive victim support services as necessary to help the victim submit a statement and participate in the clemency process.
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15.14	(1) pardon a criminal conviction imposed under the laws of this state:

162.8 162.9	(2) commute a criminal sentence imposed by a court of this state to time served or a lesser sentence; or
162.10	(3) grant a reprieve of a sentence imposed by a court of this state.
162.11 162.12 162.13 162.14	(b) A grant of clemency must be in writing and has no force or effect if the governor or a board majority duly convened opposes the clemency. Every conditional grant of clemency must state the terms and conditions upon which it was granted, and every commutation must specify the terms of the commuted sentence.
	(c) A granted pardon sets aside the conviction and purges the conviction from an individual's criminal record. The individual is not required to disclose the conviction at any time or place other than:
162.18	(1) in a judicial proceeding; or
162.19	(2) during the licensing process for peace officers.
162.20 162.21 162.22	Subd. 2. <b>Pardon eligibility; waiver.</b> (a) An individual convicted of a crime in a court of this state may apply for a pardon of the individual's conviction on or after five years from the sentence's expiration or discharge date.
162.23 162.24	(b) An individual may request the board to waive the waiting period if there is a showing of unusual circumstances and special need.
162.25 162.26 162.27	(c) The commission must review a waiver request and recommend to the board whether to grant the request. When considering a waiver request, the commission is exempt from the meeting requirements under section 638.14 and chapter 13D.
162.28 162.29	(d) The board must grant a waiver request unless the governor or a board majority opposes the waiver.
162.30 162.31 163.1 163.2 163.3 163.4	Subd. 3. Commutation eligibility. (a) An individual may apply for a commutation of an unexpired criminal sentence imposed by a court of this state, including an individual confined in a correctional facility or on probation, parole, supervised release, or conditional release. An application for commutation may not be filed until the date that the individual has served at least one-half of the sentence imposed or on or after five years from the conviction date, whichever is earlier.
163.5 163.6	(b) An individual may request the board to waive the waiting period if there is a showing of unusual circumstances and special need.
163.7 163.8 163.9	(c) The commission must review a waiver request and recommend to the board whether to grant the request. When considering a waiver request, the commission is exempt from the meeting requirements under section 638.14 and chapter 13D.
163.10 163.11	(d) The board must grant a waiver request unless the governor or a board majority opposes the waiver.

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115.15	(2) commute a criminal sentence imposed by a court of this state to time served or a
115.16	lesser sentence; or
115.17	(3) grant a reprieve of a sentence imposed by a court of this state.
115.18	(b) A grant of clemency must be in writing and has no force or effect if the governor or
	a board majority duly convened opposes the clemency. Every conditional grant of clemency
	must state the terms and conditions upon which it was granted, and every commutation
115.21	must specify the terms of the commuted sentence.
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115.29	the sentence's expiration or discharge date.
115.30	(b) An individual may request the board to waive the waiting period if there is a showing
115.31	of unusual circumstances and special need.
116.1	(c) The commission must review a waiver request and recommend to the board whether
116.2	to grant the request. When considering a waiver request, the commission is exempt from
116.3	the meeting requirements under section 638.14 and chapter 13D.
116.4	(d) The board must grant a waiver request unless the governor or a board majority
116.5	opposes the waiver.
116.6	Subd. 3. Commutation eligibility. (a) An individual may apply for a commutation of
116.7	an unexpired criminal sentence imposed by a court of this state, including an individual
116.8	confined in a correctional facility or on probation, parole, supervised release, or conditional
116.9	release. An application for commutation may not be filed until the date that the individual
116.10	has served at least one-half of the sentence imposed or on or after five years from the
116.11	conviction date, whichever is earlier.
116.12	(b) An individual may request the board to waive the waiting period if there is a showing
116.13	of unusual circumstances and special need.
116.14	(c) The commission must review a waiver request and recommend to the board whether
116.15	to grant the request. When considering a waiver request, the commission is exempt from
116.16	the meeting requirements under section 638.14 and chapter 13D.
116.17	(d) The board must grant a waiver request unless the governor or a board majority
116.18	opposes the waiver.

163.12	Sec. 9. [638.13] ACCESS TO RECORDS; ISSUING SUBPOENA.
163.13	Subdivision 1. Access to records. (a) Notwithstanding chapter 13 or any other law to
163.14	the contrary, upon receiving a clemency application, the board or commission may request
163.15	and obtain any relevant reports, data, and other information from state courts, law
163.16	enforcement agencies, or state agencies. The board and the commission must have access
163.17	to all relevant sealed or otherwise inaccessible court records, presentence investigation
163.18	reports, police reports, criminal history reports, prison records, and any other relevant
163.19	information.
163.20	(b) State courts, law enforcement agencies, and state agencies must promptly respond
163.21	to record requests from the board or the commission.
163.22	Subd. 2. <b>Issuing subpoena.</b> The board or the commission may issue a subpoena requiring
	the presence of any person before the commission or board and the production of papers,
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	commission or the board, the person may be allowed compensation for travel and attendance
163.26	as the commission or the board considers reasonable.
163.27	Sec. 10. [638.14] COMMISSION MEETINGS.
163.28	Subdivision 1. Frequency. The commission must meet at least four times each year for
163.29	one or more days at each meeting to hear eligible clemency applications and recommend
163.30	appropriate action to the board on each application. One or more of the meetings may be
163.31	held at a department-operated correctional facility.
164.1	Subd. 2. When open to the public. All commission meetings are open to the public as
164.2	provided under chapter 13D, but the commission may hold closed meetings:
164.3	(1) as provided under chapter 13D; or
164.4	(2) as necessary to protect sensitive or confidential information, including (i) a victim's
164.5	identity, and (ii) sensitive or confidential victim testimony.
164.6	Subd. 3. <b>Recording.</b> When possible, the commission must record its meetings by audio
164.7	or audiovisual means.
164.8	Subd. 4. Board attendance. The governor, attorney general, and chief justice, or their
164.9	designees, may attend commission meetings as ex officio nonvoting members, but their
164.10	attendance does not affect whether the commission has a quorum.
164.11	Subd. 5. Applicant appearance; third-party statements. (a) An applicant for elemency
164.12	must appear before the commission either in person or through available forms of
164.13	telecommunication.
164.14	(b) The victim of an applicant's crime may appear and speak at the meeting or submit a
164.15	written statement to the commission. The commission may treat a victim's written statement
164.16	as confidential and not disclose the statement to the applicant or the public if there is or has

116.19	Sec. 9. [638.13] ACCESS TO RECORDS; ISSUING SUBPOENA.
116.20 116.21 116.22 116.23 116.24 116.25 116.26	and obtain any relevant reports, data, and other information from state courts, law enforcement agencies, or state agencies. The board and the commission must have access to all relevant sealed or otherwise inaccessible court records, presentence investigation reports, police reports, criminal history reports, prison records, and any other relevant
116.27 116.28	(b) State courts, law enforcement agencies, and state agencies must promptly respond to record requests from the board or the commission.
116.31 116.32	Subd. 2. <b>Issuing subpoena.</b> The board or the commission may issue a subpoena requiring the presence of any person before the commission or board and the production of papers, records, and exhibits in any pending matter. When a person is summoned before the commission or the board, the person may be allowed compensation for travel and attendance as the commission or the board considers reasonable.
117.1	Sec. 10. [638.14] COMMISSION MEETINGS.
117.2 117.3 117.4 117.5	Subdivision 1. Frequency. The commission must meet at least four times each year for one or more days at each meeting to hear eligible clemency applications and recommend appropriate action to the board on each application. One or more of the meetings may be held at a department-operated correctional facility.
117.6 117.7	Subd. 2. When open to the public. All commission meetings are open to the public as provided under chapter 13D, but the commission may hold closed meetings:
117.8	(1) as provided under chapter 13D; or
117.9 117.10	(2) as necessary to protect sensitive or confidential information, including (i) a victim's identity, and (ii) sensitive or confidential victim testimony.
117.11 117.12	Subd. 3. <b>Recording.</b> When possible, the commission must record its meetings by audio or audiovisual means.
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	Subd. 5. Applicant appearance; third-party statements. (a) An applicant for elemency must appear before the commission either in person or through available forms of telecommunication.
117.19 117.20 117.21	(b) The victim of an applicant's crime may appear and speak at the meeting or submit a written statement to the commission. The commission may treat a victim's written statement as confidential and not disclose the statement to the applicant or the public if there is or has

164.17 164.18	been an order for protection, harassment restraining order, or other no-contact order prohibiting the applicant from contacting the victim.
164.19 164.20	(c) A law enforcement agency's representative may provide the agency's position on whether the commission should recommend clemency by:
164.21	(1) appearing and speaking at the meeting; or
164.22	(2) submitting a written statement to the commission.
164.23 164.24	(d) The sentencing judge and the prosecuting attorney, or their successors, may provide their positions on whether the commission should recommend clemency by:
164.25	(1) appearing and speaking at the meeting; or
164.26	(2) submitting their statements under section 638.11, subdivision 2.
164.27	Sec. 11. [638.15] COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION.
164.28 164.29 164.30	Subdivision 1. <b>Grounds for recommending clemency.</b> (a) When recommending whether to grant clemency, the commission must consider any factors that the commission deems appropriate, including but not limited to:
165.1 165.2 165.3	(1) the nature, seriousness, and circumstances of the applicant's crime; the applicant's age at the time of the crime; and the time that has elapsed between the crime and the application;
165.4 165.5	(2) the successful completion or revocation of previous probation, parole, supervised release, or conditional release;
165.6	(3) the number, nature, and circumstances of the applicant's other criminal convictions;
165.7 165.8	(4) the extent to which the applicant has demonstrated rehabilitation through postconviction conduct, character, and reputation;
165.9 165.10	(5) the extent to which the applicant has accepted responsibility, demonstrated remorse, and made restitution to victims;
165.11 165.12	(6) whether the sentence is clearly excessive in light of the applicant's crime and criminal history and any sentence received by an accomplice and with due regard given to:
165.13	(i) any plea agreement;
165.14	(ii) the sentencing judge's views; and
165.15	(iii) the sentencing ranges established by law;
165.16 165.17	(7) whether the applicant's age or medical status indicates that it is in the best interest of society that the applicant receive elemency;

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	been an order for protection, harassment restraining order, or other no-contact order prohibiting the applicant from contacting the victim.
117.24 117.25	(c) A law enforcement agency's representative may provide the agency's position on whether the commission should recommend elemency by:
117.26	(1) appearing and speaking at the meeting; or
117.27	(2) submitting a written statement to the commission.
117.28 117.29	(d) The sentencing judge and the prosecuting attorney, or their successors, may provide their positions on whether the commission should recommend clemency by:
117.30	(1) appearing and speaking at the meeting; or
117.31	(2) submitting their statements under section 638.11, subdivision 2.
118.1	Sec. 11. [638.15] COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION.
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118.5 118.6 118.7	(1) the nature, seriousness, and circumstances of the applicant's crime; the applicant's age at the time of the crime; and the time that has elapsed between the crime and the application;
118.8 118.9	(2) the successful completion or revocation of previous probation, parole, supervised release, or conditional release;
118.10	(3) the number, nature, and circumstances of the applicant's other criminal convictions;
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118.17	(i) any plea agreement;
118.18	(ii) the sentencing judge's views; and
118.19	(iii) the sentencing ranges established by law;
118.20 118.21	(7) whether the applicant's age or medical status indicates that it is in the best interest of society that the applicant receive elemency;

65.18 65.19	(8) the applicant's asserted need for elemency, including family needs and barriers to housing or employment created by the conviction;
65.20 65.21	(9) for an applicant under the department's custody, the adequacy of the applicant's reentry plan;
65.22 65.23	(10) the amount of time already served by the applicant and the availability of other forms of judicial or administrative relief;
65.24 65.25	(11) the extent to which there is credible evidence indicating that the applicant is or may be innocent of the crime for which they were convicted; and
65.26 65.27	(12) if provided by the applicant, the applicant's demographic information, including race, ethnicity, gender, disability status, and age.
65.28 65.29 65.30	(b) Unless an applicant knowingly omitted past criminal convictions on the application, the commission or the board must not prejudice an applicant for failing to identify past criminal convictions.
66.1 66.2 66.3	Subd. 2. Recommending denial of commutation without hearing. (a) At a meeting under section 638.14, the commission may recommend denying a commutation application without a board hearing if:
66.4	(1) the applicant is challenging the conviction or sentence through court proceedings;
66.5 66.6	(2) the applicant has failed to exhaust all available state court remedies for challenging the sentence; or
66.7 66.8	(3) the commission determines that the matter should first be considered by the parole authority.
66.9 66.10	(b) A commission recommendation to deny an application under paragraph (a) must be sent to the board along with the application.
66.11 66.12 66.13	Subd. 3. <b>Considering public statements.</b> When making its recommendation on an application, the commission must consider any statement provided by a victim or law enforcement agency.
66.14 66.15 66.16	Subd. 4. Commission recommendation; notifying applicant. (a) Before the board's next meeting at which the clemency application may be considered, the commission must send to the board:
66.17	(1) the application;
66.18	(2) the commission's recommendation;
66.19	(3) any recording of the commission's meeting related to the application; and
66 20	(4) all statements from victims and law enforcement agencies

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118.22 118.23	(8) the applicant's asserted need for elemency, including family needs and barriers to housing or employment created by the conviction;
118.24 118.25	(9) for an applicant under the department's custody, the adequacy of the applicant's reentry plan;
118.26 118.27	(10) the amount of time already served by the applicant and the availability of other forms of judicial or administrative relief;
118.28 118.29	(11) the extent to which there is credible evidence indicating that the applicant is or may be innocent of the crime for which they were convicted; and
118.30 118.31	(12) if provided by the applicant, the applicant's demographic information, including race, ethnicity, gender, disability status, and age.
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119.14 119.15 119.16	Subd. 3. Considering public statements. When making its recommendation on an application, the commission must consider any statement provided by a victim or law enforcement agency.
119.17 119.18 119.19	Subd. 4. Commission recommendation; notifying applicant. (a) Before the board's next meeting at which the elemency application may be considered, the commission must send to the board:
119.20	(1) the application;
119.21	(2) the commission's recommendation;
119.22	(3) any recording of the commission's meeting related to the application; and
119.23	(4) all statements from victims and law enforcement agencies.

166.21 166.22	(b) No later than 14 calendar days after its dated recommendation, the commission must notify the applicant in writing of its recommendation.
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166.23	Sec. 12. [638.16] BOARD MEETINGS.
166.24	Subdivision 1. Frequency. (a) The board must meet at least two times each year to
166.25	consider clemency applications that have received favorable recommendations under section
166.26	638.09, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (2) and (3), from the commission and any
166.27	other applications for which at least one board member seeks consideration.
166.28	(b) Any board member may request a hearing on any application.
166.29	Subd. 2. When open to the public. All board meetings are open to the public as provided
166.30	under chapter 13D, but the board may hold closed meetings:
167.1	(1) as provided under chapter 13D; or
167.2	(2) as necessary to protect sensitive or confidential information, including (i) a victim's
167.3	identity, and (ii) sensitive or confidential victim testimony.
167.4	Subd. 3. Executive director; attendance required. Unless excused by the board, the
167.5	executive director and the commission's chair or vice-chair must attend all board meetings.
167.6	Subd. 4. Considering statements. (a) Applicants, victims, and law enforcement agencies
167.7	may not submit oral or written statements at a board meeting unless:
167.8	(1) a board member requests a hearing on an application; or
167.9	(2) the commission has recommended a hearing on an application.
167.10	(b) The board must consider any statements provided to the commission when
167.11	determining whether to consider a clemency application.
167.12	Sec. 13. [638.17] BOARD DECISION; NOTIFYING APPLICANT.
167.13	Subdivision 1. Board decision. (a) At each meeting, the board must render a decision
167.14	on each clemency application considered at the meeting or continue the matter to a future
167.15	board meeting. If the board continues consideration of an application, the commission must
167.16	notify the applicant in writing and explain why the matter was continued.
167.17	(b) If the commission recommends denying an application and no board member seeks
167.18	consideration of the recommendation, it is presumed that the board concurs with the adverse
167.19	recommendation and that the application has been considered and denied on the merits.
167.20	Subd. 2. Notifying applicant. The commission must notify the applicant in writing of
167.21	the board's decision to grant or deny elemency no later than 14 calendar days from the date
167.22	of the board's decision.

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119.24	(b) No later than 14 calendar days after its dated recommendation, the commission must
119.25	notify the applicant in writing of its recommendation.
119.26	Sec. 12. [638.16] BOARD MEETINGS.
119.27	Subdivision 1. Frequency. (a) The board must meet at least two times each year to
119.28	consider clemency applications that have received favorable recommendations under section
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119.30	other applications for which at least one board member seeks consideration.
119.31	(b) Any board member may request a hearing on any application.
120.1	Subd. 2. When open to the public. All board meetings are open to the public as provide
120.2	under chapter 13D, but the board may hold closed meetings:
120.3	(1) as provided under chapter 13D; or
120.4	(2) as necessary to protect sensitive or confidential information, including (i) a victim's
120.5	identity, and (ii) sensitive or confidential victim testimony.
120.6	Subd. 3. <b>Executive director</b> ; attendance required. Unless excused by the board, the
120.7	executive director and the commission's chair or vice-chair must attend all board meetings.
120.8	Subd. 4. Considering statements. (a) Applicants, victims, and law enforcement agencies
120.9	may not submit oral or written statements at a board meeting unless:
120.10	(1) a board member requests a hearing on an application; or
120.11	(2) the commission has recommended a hearing on an application.
120.12	(b) The board must consider any statements provided to the commission when
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120.14	Sec. 13. [638.17] BOARD DECISION; NOTIFYING APPLICANT.
120.15	Subdivision 1. <b>Board decision.</b> (a) At each meeting, the board must render a decision
120.16	on each clemency application considered at the meeting or continue the matter to a future
120.17	board meeting. If the board continues consideration of an application, the commission must
120.18	notify the applicant in writing and explain why the matter was continued.
120.19	(b) If the commission recommends denying an application and no board member seeks
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120.21	recommendation and that the application has been considered and denied on the merits.
120.22	Subd. 2. <b>Notifying applicant.</b> The commission must notify the applicant in writing of
	the board's decision to grant or deny elemency no later than 14 calendar days from the date
	of the board's decision.

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120.25	Sec. 14. [638.18] FILING COPY OF CLEMENCY; COURT ACTION.
120.26	Subdivision 1. Filing with district court. After clemency has been granted, the
120.27	commission must file a copy of the pardon, commutation, or reprieve with the district court
120.28	of the county in which the conviction and sentence were imposed.
120.29	Subd. 2. Court action; pardon. For a pardon, the court must:
120.30	(1) order the conviction set aside;

- 121.1 (2) include a copy of the pardon in the court file; and (3) send a copy of the order and the pardon to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. 121.2 121.3 Subd. 3. Court action; commutation. For a commutation, the court must: 121.4
- (1) amend the sentence to reflect the specific relief granted by the board; (2) include a copy of the commutation in the court file; and 121.5
- 121.6 (3) send a copy of the amended sentencing order and commutation to the commissioner
- of corrections and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

#### Sec. 15. [638.19] REAPPLYING FOR CLEMENCY. 121.8

- Subdivision 1. Time-barred from reapplying; exception. (a) After the board has
- 121.10 considered and denied a clemency application on the merits, an applicant may not file a
- subsequent application for five years after the date of the most recent denial.
- 121.12 (b) An individual may request permission to reapply before the five-year period expires
- 121.13 based only on new and substantial information that was not and could not have been
- 121.14 previously considered by the board or commission.
- (c) If a waiver request contains new and substantial information, the commission must
- 121.16 review the request and recommend to the board whether to waive the time restriction. When 121.17 considering a waiver request, the commission is exempt from the meeting requirements
- 121.18 under section 638.14 and chapter 13D.
- 121.19 (d) The board must grant a waiver request unless the governor or a board majority
- 121.20 opposes the waiver.
  - Subd. 2. **Applying for pardon not precluded.** An applicant who is denied or granted
- 121.22 a commutation is not precluded from later seeking a pardon of the criminal conviction once
- 121.23 the eligibility requirements of this chapter have been met.
- Sec. 16. [638.20] COMMISSION RECORD KEEPING.
- Subdivision 1. Record keeping. The commission must keep a record of every application
- 121.26 received, its recommendation on each application, and the final disposition of each
- 121.27 application.

167.23	Sec. 14. [638.18] FILING COPY OF CLEMENCY; COURT ACTION.
167.24 167.25 167.26	Subdivision 1. Filing with district court. After elemency has been granted, the commission must file a copy of the pardon, commutation, or reprieve with the district court of the county in which the conviction and sentence were imposed.
167.27	Subd. 2. Court action; pardon. For a pardon, the court must:
167.28	(1) order the conviction set aside;
167.29	(2) include a copy of the pardon in the court file; and
167.30	(3) send a copy of the order and the pardon to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.
168.1	Subd. 3. Court action; commutation. For a commutation, the court must:
168.2	(1) amend the sentence to reflect the specific relief granted by the board;
168.3	(2) include a copy of the commutation in the court file; and
168.4 168.5	(3) send a copy of the amended sentencing order and commutation to the commissioner of corrections and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.
168.6	Sec. 15. [638.19] REAPPLYING FOR CLEMENCY.
168.7 168.8 168.9	Subdivision 1. Time-barred from reapplying; exception. (a) After the board has considered and denied a clemency application on the merits, an applicant may not file a subsequent application for five years after the date of the most recent denial.
168.10 168.11 168.12	(b) An individual may request permission to reapply before the five-year period expires based only on new and substantial information that was not and could not have been previously considered by the board or commission.
168.13 168.14 168.15 168.16	(c) If a waiver request contains new and substantial information, the commission must review the request and recommend to the board whether to waive the time restriction. When considering a waiver request, the commission is exempt from the meeting requirements under section 638.14 and chapter 13D.
168.17 168.18	(d) The board must grant a waiver request unless the governor or a board majority opposes the waiver.
168.19 168.20 168.21	Subd. 2. <b>Applying for pardon not precluded.</b> An applicant who is denied or granted a commutation is not precluded from later seeking a pardon of the criminal conviction once the eligibility requirements of this chapter have been met.
168.22	Sec. 16. [638.20] COMMISSION RECORD KEEPING.
168.23 168.24 168.25	Subdivision 1. Record keeping. The commission must keep a record of every application received, its recommendation on each application, and the final disposition of each application.

168.26 168.27	Subd. 2. When open to public. The commission's records and files are open to public inspection at all reasonable times, except for:
168.28	(1) sealed court records;
168.29	(2) presentence investigation reports;
168.30	(3) Social Security numbers;
169.1	(4) financial account numbers;
169.2	(5) driver's license information;
169.3	(6) medical records;
169.4	(7) confidential Bureau of Criminal Apprehension records;
169.5 169.6	(8) the identities of victims who wish to remain anonymous and confidential victim statements; and
169.7 169.8	(9) any other confidential data on individuals, private data on individuals, not public data, or nonpublic data under chapter 13.
169.9	Sec. 17. [638.21] LANGUAGE ACCESS AND VICTIM SUPPORT.
	Subdivision 1. Language access. The commission and the board must take reasonable steps to provide meaningful language access to applicants and victims. Applicants and victims must have language access to information, documents, and services under this chapter, with each communicated in a language or manner that the applicant or victim can understand.
169.15 169.16 169.17	Subd. 2. <b>Interpreters.</b> (a) Applicants and victims are entitled to interpreters as necessary to fulfill the purposes of this chapter, including oral or written communication. Sections 546.42 to 546.44 apply, to the extent consistent with this section.
169.18 169.19	(b) The commission or the board may not discriminate against an applicant or victim who requests or receives interpretation services.
169.20 169.21	<u>Subd. 3.</u> <u>Victim services.</u> The commission and the board must provide or contract for <u>victim support services</u> as necessary to support victims under this chapter.
169.22	Sec. 18. [638.22] LEGISLATIVE REPORT.
169.23 169.24 169.25 169.26	Beginning February 15, 2025, and every February 15 thereafter, the commission must submit a written report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over public safety, corrections, and judiciary that contains at least the following information:
169.27 169.28	(1) the number of clemency applications received by the commission during the preceding calendar year;

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122.1 (2) presentence investigation reports;
122.2 (3) Social Security numbers;
122.3 (4) financial account numbers;
122.4 (5) driver's license information;
122.5 (6) medical records;
122.6 (7) confidential Bureau of Criminal Apprehension records;
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122.8 statements; and
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122.10 data, or nonpublic data under chapter 13.
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122.26 submit a written report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of
122.27 representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over public safety, corrections, and judiciary that contains at least the following information:
122.29 (1) the number of elemency applications received by the commission during the preceding
122.30 calendar year;

169.29 169.30	(2) the number of favorable and adverse recommendations made by the commission for each type of clemency;
170.1	(3) the number of applications granted and denied by the board for each type of clemency
170.2 170.3	(4) the crimes for which the applications were granted by the board, the year of each conviction, and the individual's age at the time of the crime; and
170.4 170.5 170.6	(5) summary data voluntarily reported by applicants, including but not limited to demographic information on race, ethnicity, gender, disability status, and age, of applicants recommended or not recommended for clemency by the commission.
170.7	Sec. 19. [638.23] RULEMAKING.
170.8 170.9	(a) The board and commission may jointly adopt rules, including amending Minnesota Rules, chapter 6600, to:
170.10 170.11	(1) enforce their powers and duties under this chapter and ensure the efficient processing of applications; and
170.12 170.13 170.14	(2) allow for expedited review of applications if there is unanimous support from the sentencing judge or successor, the prosecuting attorney or successor, and any victims of the crime.
170.15	(b) The time limit to adopt rules under section 14.125 does not apply.
170.16	Sec. 20. TRANSITION PERIOD.
170.17 170.18 170.19 170.20	(a) Beginning August 1, 2023, through March 1, 2024, the Department of Corrections must provide the Clemency Review Commission with administrative assistance, technical assistance, office space, and other assistance necessary for the commission to carry out its duties under sections 4 to 21.
170.21 170.22 170.23 170.24	(b) Beginning July 1, 2024, the Clemency Review Commission must begin reviewing applications for pardons, commutations, and reprieves. Applications received after the effective date of this section but before July 1, 2024, must be considered according to Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 638.02, subdivisions 2 to 5, and 638.03 to 638.08.
170.25 170.26	(c) A pardon, commutation, or reprieve that is granted during the transition period has no force or effect if the governor or a board majority duly convened opposes the clemency.
170.27 170.28	(d) By July 1, 2024, the Clemency Review Commission must develop application forms in consultation with the Board of Pardons.
170.29	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE.</b> This section is effective the day following final enactment.

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123.1 123.2	(2) the number of favorable and adverse recommendations made by the commission for each type of clemency;
123.2	each type of elemency,
123.3	(3) the number of applications granted and denied by the board for each type of clemency;
123.4	(4) the crimes for which the applications were granted by the board, the year of each
123.5	conviction, and the individual's age at the time of the crime; and
123.6	(5) summary data voluntarily reported by applicants, including but not limited to
123.7	demographic information on race, ethnicity, gender, disability status, and age, of applicants
123.8	recommended or not recommended for elemency by the commission.
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123.15	sentencing judge or successor, the prosecuting attorney or successor, and any victims of the
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123.25	effective date of this section but before July 1, 2024, must be considered according to
123.26	Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 638.02, subdivisions 2 to 5, and 638.03 to 638.08.
123.27	(c) A pardon, commutation, or reprieve that is granted during the transition period has
123.28	no force or effect if the governor or a board majority duly convened opposes the clemency.
123.29	(d) By July 1, 2024, the Clemency Review Commission must develop application forms
123.30	
124.1	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE.</b> This section is effective the day following final enactment.

171.1	Sec. 21. REPEALER.
171.2 171.3	Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 638.02; 638.03; 638.04; 638.05; 638.06; 638.07; 638.075; and 638.08, are repealed.
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171.5	Sec. 22. EFFECTIVE DATE.
171.6	Sections 1, 2, and 6 to 19 are effective July 1, 2024.

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124.4	638.075; and 638.08, are repealed.
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124.6	Sec. 22. EFFECTIVE DATE.
124.7	Sections 1, 2, and 6 to 19 are effective July 1, 2024.