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Overview

This bill contains a series of statutory changes related to controlled substance offenders and the early conditional release program for nonviolent drug offenders.

Section

- 1** **5th Degree Controlled Substance Crimes.** Permits a court to disregard the six month mandatory minimum sentence for repeat fifth degree controlled substance offenders if the court finds – on its own motion or the motion of the prosecutor – that there are substantial and compelling reasons to disregard the mandatory minimum.
- 2** **Release procedures.** Requires the commissioner to consult with a three-judge board before the commissioner denies conditional release to an eligible offender.
- 3** **Advisory board.** Directs the Chief Justice to appoint three retired judges to advise the commissioner of corrections on early release decisions.
- 4** **Sunset.** Extends the sunset for the nonviolent drug offender conditional release program for two years.