

902.12 Minimum sentence for certain felonies — eligibility for parole or work release.

1. A person serving a sentence for conviction of the following felonies, including a person serving a sentence for conviction of the following felonies prior to July 1, 2003, shall be denied parole or work release unless the person has served at least seven-tenths of the maximum term of the person's sentence:

- a. Murder in the second degree in violation of [section 707.3](#).
- b. Attempted murder in violation of [section 707.11](#), except as provided in [section 707.11, subsection 5](#).
- c. Sexual abuse in the second degree in violation of [section 709.3](#).
- d. Kidnapping in the second degree in violation of [section 710.3](#).
- e. Robbery in the second degree in violation of [section 711.3](#), except as determined in [subsection 4](#).
- f. Vehicular homicide in violation of [section 707.6A, subsection 1 or 2](#), if the person was also convicted under [section 321.261, subsection 4](#), based on the same facts or event that resulted in the conviction under [section 707.6A, subsection 1 or 2](#).

g. Continuous sexual abuse of a child in violation of [section 709.23](#).

2. A person serving a sentence for a conviction of child endangerment as defined in [section 726.6, subsection 1](#), paragraph "b", that is described and punishable under [section 726.6, subsection 5](#), shall be denied parole or work release until the person has served between three-tenths and seven-tenths of the maximum term of the person's sentence as determined under [section 901.11, subsection 2](#).

3. A person serving a sentence for a conviction for robbery in the first degree in violation of [section 711.2](#) for a conviction that occurs on or after July 1, 2018, shall be denied parole or work release until the person has served between one-half and seven-tenths of the maximum term of the person's sentence as determined under [section 901.11, subsection 3](#).

4. A person serving a sentence for a conviction for robbery in the second degree in violation of [section 711.3](#) for a conviction that occurs on or after July 1, 2016, shall be denied parole or work release until the person has served between one-half and seven-tenths of the maximum term of the person's sentence as determined under [section 901.11, subsection 4](#).

5. A person serving a sentence for a conviction for arson in the first degree in violation of [section 712.2](#) that occurs on or after July 1, 2019, shall be denied parole or work release until the person has served between one-half and seven-tenths of the maximum term of the person's sentence as determined under [section 901.11, subsection 5](#).

6. A person serving a sentence for a conviction of sexual exploitation of a minor in violation of [section 728.12, subsection 1](#), shall be denied parole or work release until the person has served between one-half and seven-tenths of the maximum term of the person's sentence as determined under [section 901.11, subsection 6](#).

7. A person serving a sentence for a conviction of human trafficking punishable as a class "B" felony in violation of [section 710A.2, subsection 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9](#), shall be denied parole or work release until the person has served between one-half and seven-tenths of the maximum term of the person's sentence as determined under [section 901.11, subsection 7](#).

96 Acts, ch 1151, §3; 98 Acts, ch 1007, §1, 2; 98 Acts, ch 1088, §3; 2003 Acts, ch 156, §11, 12; 2004 Acts, ch 1150, §1; 2006 Acts, ch 1082, §3; 2016 Acts, ch 1104, §8; 2017 Acts, ch 122, §17; 2019 Acts, ch 140, §7, 8, 39; 2023 Acts, ch 32, §2; 2023 Acts, ch 74, §5; 2024 Acts, ch 1175, §2

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