

**House File 483 - Introduced**

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BY GUSTOFF

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to an application for a reprieve, pardon,  
2 commutation of sentence, remission of fines or forfeitures,  
3 or restoration of the rights of citizenship made to the  
4 board of parole.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 914.3, subsection 1, Code 2023, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. a. Except as otherwise provided in [section 902.2](#), the  
4 board of parole shall periodically review all applications by  
5 persons convicted of criminal offenses and shall recommend to  
6 the governor the reprieve, pardon, commutation of sentence,  
7 remission of fines or forfeitures, or restoration of the rights  
8 of citizenship for persons who have by their conduct given  
9 satisfactory evidence that they will become or continue to be  
10 law-abiding citizens.

11 b. The board of parole shall acknowledge an application for  
12 a reprieve, pardon, commutation of sentence, remission of fines  
13 or forfeitures, or restoration of the rights of citizenship  
14 received from a person convicted of a criminal offense within  
15 thirty days of receipt of the application.

16 c. The board of parole shall make a recommendation to the  
17 governor concerning whether an application for a reprieve,  
18 pardon, commutation of sentence, remission of fines or  
19 forfeitures, or restoration of the rights of citizenship should  
20 be granted within three hundred sixty-five days of receipt of  
21 the application.

22 EXPLANATION

23 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
24 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

25 This bill relates to an application for a reprieve, pardon,  
26 commutation of sentence, remission of fines or forfeitures, or  
27 restoration of the rights of citizenship made to the board of  
28 parole.

29 The bill provides that the board of parole shall acknowledge  
30 an application for a reprieve, pardon, commutation of sentence,  
31 remission of fines or forfeitures, or restoration of the rights  
32 of citizenship received from a person convicted of a criminal  
33 offense within 30 days of receipt of the application, and shall  
34 make a recommendation to the governor concerning whether an  
35 application should be granted within 365 days of receipt of the

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1 application.