

Senate File 126 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to parole eligibility for a person under the age
2 of twenty convicted of a class "A" felony and making penalties
3 applicable.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 902.1, subsection 2, paragraph a,
2 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3 Notwithstanding subsection 1, a defendant convicted of murder
4 in the first degree in violation of section 707.2, and who was
5 under the age of ~~eighteen~~ twenty at the time the offense was
6 committed shall receive one of the following sentences:

7 Sec. 2. Section 902.1, subsection 3, paragraph a, unnumbered
8 paragraph 1, Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

9 Notwithstanding subsections 1 and 2, a defendant convicted of
10 a class "A" felony, other than murder in the first degree in
11 violation of section 707.2, and who was under the age of ~~eighteen~~
12 twenty at the time the offense was committed shall receive one of
13 the following sentences:

14 EXPLANATION

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

17 This bill relates to parole eligibility for a person under the
18 age of 20 convicted of a class "A" felony.

19 Current law provides that a person under the age of 18
20 convicted of first degree murder, a class "A" felony, shall
21 receive one of the following sentences: commitment to the
22 department of corrections for the rest of the defendant's life
23 with no possibility of parole unless the governor commutes
24 the sentence to a term of years; commitment to the department
25 of corrections for the rest of the defendant's life with the
26 possibility of parole after serving a minimum term of confinement
27 as determined by the court; or commitment to the department
28 of corrections for the rest of the defendant's life with the
29 possibility of parole.

30 The bill increases the age limit from 18 years to 20 years.

31 Current law provides that a defendant convicted of a class "A"
32 felony, other than murder in the first degree, and who was under
33 the age of 18 at the time the offense was committed shall receive
34 one of the following sentences: commitment to the department
35 of corrections for the rest of the defendant's life with the

1 possibility of parole after serving a minimum term of confinement
2 as determined by the court; or commitment to the department
3 of corrections for the rest of the defendant's life with the
4 possibility of parole.

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