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HOUSE BILL 2629
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-501, relative to release eligibility status.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-501(i), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) and by substituting instead the following:

(1) Release eligibility for each defendant committing an offense, on or after July 1, 1995, that is enumerated in subdivision (2), shall occur after service of sixty percent (60%) of the actual sentence imposed less sentence credits earned and retained by the defendant; provided, however, release eligibility for any such defendant receiving a sentencing of imprisonment for life shall occur after service of sixty percent (60%) of sixty (60) years less sentence credits earned and retained by the defendant, but in no event shall the defendant receiving a sentence of imprisonment for life be eligible for parole until he or she has served a minimum of twenty-five (25) full calendar years of such sentence.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed as affecting, amending or altering the provisions of §39-13-523, which requires child rapists and multiple rapists to serve the entire

sentence imposed by the court undiminished by any sentence reduction credits. Nothing in this act shall be construed to apply to any defendant receiving a sentence of imprisonment for life without parole.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.