

HB 2320
Relating to crime

HB 2320 requires the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision to adopt a sex offender risk assessment methodology to classify sex offenders into risk levels.

Previously, HB 2549 from the 2013 session required the Department of Corrections to conduct these assessments on individuals incarcerated and the Board to conduct the assessments on individuals already registered.

The measure also requires the Board to have five members, and allows a minimum of three Board members to make and review certain decisions. The measure extends the time in which the Board must have all existing registrants classified to December 1, 2018. Additionally, the measure requires the juvenile court to hold a hearing at the end of its jurisdiction over the juvenile to determine if the juvenile must report as sex offender.

The measure appropriates \$3,163,183 General Fund and 12 positions (10.00 FTE) to the Board to carry out the provisions of the measure and directs the Board to return to the Legislative Assembly in February 2016 to report on their progress in reducing the backlog of Static 99 reviews.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends HB 2320 be amended by the -A8 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.