

HB 2045 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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Meeting Dates: 2/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes deadline for the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision (Board) to complete classification of all existing sex offender registrants. Replaces the current deadline of February 1, 2023, for the Department of State Police (OSP) to enter classifications of existing registrants into the Law Enforcement Data System with the requirement that OSP enter the information within a reasonable time after receipt. Requires Board to report biennially on the progress made in assessing and classifying existing registrants beginning February 1, 2021. Makes technical changes.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces "unclassified sex offenders" with the statutes specifying the individuals the Board is required to assess and report on progress made to the legislature.

BACKGROUND:

In 2013, the Legislative Assembly enacted HB 2549, which directed the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision (Board) to adopt a sex offender risk assessment tool for use by the Department of Corrections in classifying sex offenders based on the statistical likelihood that an individual sex offender will commit another sex crime. The assessment and classification is to be done prior to an individual's release from the Department of Corrections custody or within 60 days of being placed on community supervision. The measure also applied retroactively directing the Board to classify all sex offenders who were required to report before the implementation of the system, as well as those required to report in the future. The original deadline set forth in the 2013 legislation was extended by the legislative assembly in 2015 and then again in 2017 to provide the Board more time to comply with the directive of the legislation related to unclassified registrants.

House Bill 2045 removes those deadlines.