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# HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill: Committee: House File 2161 (will sub SF 2363)

**Public Safety** 

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House Committee:

PASSED on March 15 (14-7)

House Floor:

Senate Floor:

PASSED on March 22 (48-1)

Governor:

## Sex Offender Registry Modification

- SF 2363 extends the time a sex offender must remain on the registry before they can apply for a reduced sentence.
- Current law allows a tier I offender to be on the registry for two years and a tier II or III offender to be on the registry for five years before applying for a modification.
- SF 2363 requires tier I offenders to serve five years and their II or III to serve at least 10 years.
- Fiscal Note-Minimal fiscal impact.

### Section by Section Analysis

#### Section 1- Sex Offender Registry- Modification (692A.128)

A sex offender whose registry begins before July 1, 2022 they may only apply to modify their sentence if the following apply

- 1. Served 2 years on the registry as a tier 1 offender or served five years if they are a tier II or III offender
- 2. Successfully completed all sex offender treatment programs required.
- 3. A risk assessment has been completed and the sex offender was classified as low risk to offend.
- 4. They are not incarcerated when the application to modify their sentence is filed.
- 5. The director of the Judicial District or their designee stipulates to the modification.

A sex offender whose registry begins after July 1, 2022 shall not be granted modification unless all the following apply:

- 1. A tier I offender has been on the registry for at least 10 years prior to applying
- 2. A tier I offender who was under 20 at the time of the offense and was convicted of having a relationship with a person four years younger than them 709.4(1)(b)(2)(d) can apply after being on the registry for at least five years.
- 3. A tier II or III offender initially registered at least 15 years prior to filing the application
- 4. Successfully completed all sex offender treatment programs required.
- 5. A risk assessment has been completed and the sex offender was classified as low risk to offend.
- 6. They have successfully completed any pretrial release, probation, parole or work release for their offense.

- 7. The director of the Judicial District or their designee stipulates to the modification.
- 8. They are not incarcerated when they apply.

A tier I offender must not have been convicted of any criminal offense other than a simple misdemeanor or traffic violation under Ch 321 for a ten-year period immediately preceding the application.

A tier II or III offender must not have been convicted of any criminal offense other than a simple misdemeanor or traffic violation under Ch 321 for a 15-year period immediately preceding the application.

## **Amendment Analysis**

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Conforming with the Senate. Full analysis above.