

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25097

The amendment would allow the commissioners to review applications for parole, pardon, commutation, or firearm restoration in executive session for the limited purpose of deciding whether a hearing will be held. If the commission decided to grant a hearing for the applicant it would be scheduled during the regular hearing session and would be subject to the open meeting laws. This amendment would also allow the commission to deliberate and make a decision in executive session to grant or deny a firearm restoration application. The commission receives restoration of firearm applications over and above pardon applications. This created additional staff hours to efficiently process and prepare applications for review and hearings.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be no fiscal impact with this change in statutory language. This is an existing statute that the commission is clarifying for parole commission hearings.

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