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# SENATE BILL No. 475

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 11-8-1-5.6; IC 11-10-11.5; IC 35-38-1-25.

**Synopsis:** Community transition program. Provides a range of dates under which a person is eligible for release to a community transition program. Provides that a person may be disciplined for refusing to participate in a community transition program. Provides that a person who is eligible for release to a community transition program may object to the person's placement in the program. Provides that a person convicted of murder may be assigned to a community transition program.

**Effective:** July 1, 2004.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning corrections.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 11-8-1-5.6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.291-2001,  
2 SECTION 223, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 5.6. "Community transition  
4 program commencement date" means the following:

5 (1) **Not earlier than** sixty (60) days **and not later than thirty**  
6 **(30) days** before an offender's expected release date, if the most  
7 serious offense for which the person is committed is a Class D  
8 felony.

9 (2) **Not earlier than** ninety (90) days **and not later than thirty**  
10 **(30) days** before an offender's expected release date, if the most  
11 serious offense for which the person is committed is a Class C  
12 felony and subdivision (3) does not apply.

13 (3) **Not earlier than** one hundred twenty (120) days **and not**  
14 **later than thirty (30) days** before an offender's expected release  
15 date, if:

16 (A) the most serious offense for which the person is committed  
17 is a Class C felony;



1 (B) all of the offenses for which the person was concurrently  
 2 or consecutively sentenced are offenses under IC 16-42-19 or  
 3 IC 35-48-4; and  
 4 (C) none of the offenses for which the person was concurrently  
 5 or consecutively sentenced are listed in IC 35-50-2-2(b)(4).  
 6 (4) **Not earlier than** one hundred twenty (120) days **and not**  
 7 **later than thirty (30) days** before an offender's expected release  
 8 date, if the most serious offense for which the person is  
 9 committed is a Class A or Class B felony and subdivision (5) does  
 10 not apply.  
 11 (5) **Not earlier than** one hundred eighty (180) days **and not later**  
 12 **than thirty (30) days** before an offender's expected release date,  
 13 if:  
 14 (A) the most serious offense for which the person is committed  
 15 is a Class A or Class B felony;  
 16 (B) all of the offenses for which the person was concurrently  
 17 or consecutively sentenced are offenses under IC 16-42-19 or  
 18 IC 35-48-4; and  
 19 (C) none of the offenses for which the person was concurrently  
 20 or consecutively sentenced are listed in IC 35-50-2-2(b)(4).  
 21 SECTION 2. IC 11-10-11.5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.90-2000,  
 22 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 23 JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 1. This chapter applies to a person:  
 24 (1) who is committed to the department under IC 35-50 for one  
 25 (1) or more felonies; ~~other than murder~~; and  
 26 (2) against whom a court imposed a sentence of at least two (2)  
 27 years.  
 28 SECTION 3. IC 11-10-11.5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.90-2000,  
 29 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 30 JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 2. (a) Not earlier than sixty (60) days and not later  
 31 than forty-five (45) days before an offender's community transition  
 32 program commencement date, the department shall give written notice  
 33 of the offender's eligibility for a community transition program to each  
 34 court that sentenced the offender for a period of imprisonment that the  
 35 offender is still actively serving. The notice must include the following  
 36 information:  
 37 (1) The person's name.  
 38 (2) A description of the offenses for which the person was  
 39 committed to the department.  
 40 (3) The person's expected release date.  
 41 (4) The person's community transition program commencement  
 42 date **designated by the department.**

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- 1 (5) The person's current security and credit time classifications.
- 2 (6) A report summarizing the person's conduct while committed
- 3 to the department.
- 4 (7) Any other information that the department determines would
- 5 assist the sentencing court in determining whether to issue an
- 6 order under IC 35-38-1-24 or IC 35-38-1-25.

7 ~~However,~~ (b) If the offender's expected release date changes as the  
 8 result of the ~~gain~~ or loss of credit time after notice is sent to each court  
 9 under this section, the offender may become ineligible for a community  
 10 transition program

11 **(c) If the offender's expected release date changes as the result**  
 12 **of the gain of credit time after notice is sent to each court under**  
 13 **this section, the offender may be assigned to a community**  
 14 **transition program if the department determines that:**

- 15 (1) a sufficient amount of time exists to allow a court under
- 16 IC 35-38-1-24 or IC 35-38-1-25 to consider a written
- 17 statement described in section 4.5 of this chapter; and
- 18 (2) an offender will have at least thirty (30) days remaining on
- 19 the offender's sentence after the court's consideration of a
- 20 written statement under subdivision (1), calculated as follows:

21 (A) Beginning on the date the department will assign the  
 22 offender to a minimum security classification and place the  
 23 offender in a community transition program.

24 (B) Ending with the recalculated expected release date.

25 (d) The department shall notify each court whenever the department  
 26 finds that an offender is ineligible for the program because of a change  
 27 in the person's credit time.

28 SECTION 4. IC 11-10-11.5-4.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.90-2000,  
 29 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 30 JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 4.5. (a) Before the department may assign an  
 31 offender to a minimum security classification and place the offender in  
 32 a community transition program, the department shall notify:

33 (1) the offender and any victim of the offender's crime of the right  
 34 to submit a written statement regarding the offender's assignment  
 35 to the community transition program; and

36 (2) the offender of the right to submit a written statement  
 37 objecting to the offender's placement in a community  
 38 transition program;

39 to each court that sentenced the offender to a period of imprisonment  
 40 that the offender is actively serving. If the name or address of a victim  
 41 of the offender's crime changes after the offender is sentenced for the  
 42 offense, and the offender's sentence may result in the offender's

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1 assignment to the community transition program, the victim is  
2 responsible for notifying the department of the name or address change.

3 (b) An offender or a victim of the offender's crime who wishes to  
4 submit a written statement under ~~this section~~ **subsection (a)(1)** must  
5 submit the statement to each court **and the department** not later than  
6 ten (10) working days after receiving notice from the department under  
7 subsection (a).

8 **(c) An offender's written statement objecting to the offender's**  
9 **placement in a community transition program under subsection**  
10 **(a)(2) must be submitted to each court and the department:**

11 **(1) not later than ten (10) working days after receiving notice**  
12 **from the department under subsection (a); or**

13 **(2) before the offender is transported under section 7 of this**  
14 **chapter;**

15 **whichever occurs first.**

16 SECTION 5. IC 11-10-11.5-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.90-2000,  
17 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
18 JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 5. (a) This section applies to a person if the most  
19 serious offense for which the person is committed is a Class C or Class  
20 D felony.

21 (b) Unless the department has received:

22 (1) an order under IC 35-38-1-24; or

23 (2) a warrant order of detainer seeking the transfer of the person  
24 to a county or another jurisdiction;

25 the department shall assign a person to a minimum security  
26 classification and place the person in a community transition program  
27 beginning with the ~~person's~~ community transition program  
28 commencement date **designated by the department** until the person  
29 completes the person's fixed term of imprisonment, less the credit time  
30 the person has earned with respect to the term.

31 SECTION 6. IC 11-10-11.5-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.273-1999,  
32 SECTION 208, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
33 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 7. Not later than ~~the first seven (7)~~  
34 regular business ~~day~~ **days** after a person is assigned to a community  
35 transition program under this chapter, the department shall:

36 (1) comply with the procedures in IC 11-10-12-1(a)(1) and  
37 IC 11-10-12-1(a)(2); and

38 (2) transport the person to:

39 **(A) the sheriff of the county where the person's case**  
40 **originated; ~~or to~~**

41 **(B) any other person ordered by the sentencing court; or**

42 **(C) a person or an entity designated by the supervising**

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**authority of the community transition program to which the person is assigned.**

The department may, upon request of the person, issue the work clothing described in IC 11-10-12-1(b).

SECTION 7. IC 11-10-11.5-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.90-2000, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 8. (a) The person **or entity** receiving the offender under section 7 of this chapter shall transfer the offender to the intake person for the community transition program.

(b) As soon as is practicable after receiving the offender, the community transition program shall

~~(1)~~ provide the offender with a reasonable opportunity to review the rules and conditions applicable to the offender's assignment in the program. ~~and~~

~~(2)~~ obtain the offender's written agreement to abide by all of the rules and conditions of the program.

(c) ~~The department may take disciplinary action under IC 11-11-5 against an offender who:~~

~~(1) has been assigned to a minimum security classification and placed in a community transition program; and~~

~~(2) refuses to participate in the community transition program. shall provide an offender with a written document stating that any offender who is assigned to a community transition program participates in the program on a voluntary basis. An offender must agree in writing that the offender's participation in the program is voluntary, before the offender may be allowed to participate in the program.~~

SECTION 8. IC 11-10-11.5-11.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.90-2000, SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 11.5. (a) **Except as provided in section 4.5 of this chapter**, an offender is **not** entitled to refuse to be placed into a community transition program. However, if the offender ~~does not refuse the placement and agrees in writing to voluntarily participate, as required by section 8 of this chapter, the offender is considered to participate in the community transition program on a voluntary basis.~~ **may request that an assignment to a community transition program be delayed if the offender will be enrolled in department programming on the community transition program commencement date designated by the department.**

(b) The community transition program, **following a hearing and** upon a finding of probable cause that the offender has failed to comply with a rule or condition under section 11 of this chapter, ~~shall cause the~~

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1 ~~department to: may:~~  
2 (1) **request a court to issue a warrant ordering the department**  
3 **to immediately:**  
4 (A) return the offender to the department; ~~and~~ **or**  
5 ~~(2)~~ (B) reassign the offender to a program or facility  
6 administered by the department; **or**  
7 (2) **take disciplinary action against an offender who violates**  
8 **rules of conduct. Disciplinary action under this subdivision**  
9 **may include the loss of earned credit time under IC 35-50-6-5.**  
10 (c) **An offender who is returned to the department under**  
11 **subsection (b) is not eligible for assignment to another community**  
12 **transition program for the duration of the sentence or sentences**  
13 **the offender is actively serving.**  
14 SECTION 9. IC 35-38-1-25, AS AMENDED BY P.L.90-2000,  
15 SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
16 JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 25. (a) This section applies to a person if the most  
17 serious offense for which the person is committed is **murder**, a Class  
18 A **felony**, or a Class B felony.  
19 (b) A sentencing court may sentence a person or modify the  
20 sentence of a person to assign the person to a community transition  
21 program for any period that begins after the person's community  
22 transition program commencement date (as defined in IC 11-8-1-5.6)  
23 and ends when the person completes the person's fixed term of  
24 imprisonment, less the credit time the person has earned with respect  
25 to the term, if the court makes specific findings of fact that support a  
26 determination that it is in the best interests of justice to make the  
27 assignment. The order may include any other condition that the court  
28 could impose if the court had placed the person on probation under  
29 IC 35-38-2 or in a community corrections program under IC 35-38-2.6.  
30 (c) The court may make a determination under this section without  
31 a hearing. The court shall consider any written statement presented to  
32 the court by a victim of the offender's crime or by an offender under  
33 IC 11-10-11.5-4.5. The court in its discretion may consider statements  
34 submitted by a victim after the time allowed for the submission of  
35 statements under IC 11-10-11.5-4.5.  
36 (d) The court shall make written findings for a determination under  
37 this section, whether or not a hearing was held.  
38 (e) Not later than five (5) days after making a determination under  
39 this section, the court shall send a copy of the order to the:  
40 (1) prosecuting attorney where the person's case originated; and  
41 (2) department of correction.

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