

Victims and Prisoners Bill

AMENDMENTS

TO BE MOVED

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

[Supplementary to the Fourth Marshalled List]

Amendment
No.

After Clause 39

LORD WILLS

133ZA★ After Clause 39, insert the following new Clause –

“Review: Effectiveness of the advocate appointed in respect of major incidents

- (1) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a review of the operation of the advocate appointed in respect of major incidents 6 months after the day on which this Act is passed.
- (2) The review under subsection (1) must include, but need not be limited to –
 - (a) an assessment of the effectiveness of the advocate appointed in respect of major incidents with regard to timeliness, cost, transparency and the emotional and financial interests and views of the victims, and
 - (b) recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the advocate appointed in respect of major incidents.
- (3) The Secretary of State must implement the recommendations under paragraph (2)(b) within 6 months of publishing the review.”

After Clause 47

BARONESS FOX OF BUCKLEY

148E★ After Clause 47, insert the following new Clause –

“Change in gender recorded in relevant police register

- (1) A condition of the release on licence of perpetrators of criminal conduct of a sexual nature is that criminal justice bodies must take all reasonable steps to identify and record any change of legal gender by such perpetrators at the point at which they are released on licence.

- (2) Criminal justice bodies must ensure the sexual offences register and police database record accurate name and birth sex information for perpetrators of criminal conduct of a sexual nature at the point at which the perpetrator is released on licence.

After Clause 54

LORD MARKS OF HENLEY-ON-THAMES

171B★ After Clause 54, insert the following new Clause –

“Discretion for the Parole Board to direct the period of time until a subsequent application for parole

- (1) Chapter 2 of Part 2 of the Crime (Sentences) Act 1997 (life sentences) is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 28 (duty to release certain life prisoners), subsection (7)(b), for “the end of the period of two years beginning with the disposal of that reference” and substitute “a period of time directed by the Board, which may be between 12 months and five years.”
- (3) Where the prisoner has made a previous application to the Board, and the Board has directed a time of more than two years until their next hearing, the prisoner may make an application to the Board for this decision to be reviewed.
- (4) Where an application is made under subsection (3) above, the Parole Board –
 - (a) must, if it is satisfied that the application merits a reconsideration of its previous decision, direct a new time until the prisoner’s next hearing;
 - (b) must otherwise dismiss the application.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment allows the Parole Board, upon rejection of a parole application, to determine the length of time until the prisoner can reapply for parole.

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