

Sentencing Bill

RUNNING LIST OF ALL AMENDMENTS ON REPORT

*Tabled up to and including
8 December 2025*

[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]

After Clause 19

LORD FOSTER OF BATH

After Clause 19, insert the following new Clause—

“Annual report on prison capacity

- (1) The Lord Chancellor must, as soon as practicable after the end of each financial year, make a report on prison capacity.
- (2) When reporting on prison capacity under this section, the Lord Chancellor must include the available data on—
 - (a) prison population projections,
 - (b) projection for the supply of prison places,
 - (c) information on prison service staffing, and
 - (d) information on probation service staffing and caseloads.
- (3) The Lord Chancellor must lay a copy of the report before Parliament.
- (4) The Lord Chancellor must publish the report once a copy has been so laid.
- (5) If this section comes into force after the beginning of a financial year, the first report may relate to a period beginning with the day on which that section comes into force and ending with the end of the next financial year.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Lord Chancellor to publish an annual report on prison capacity, in line with the commitment in its Annual Statement on Prison Capacity: 2024 for a statutory annual statement. It also requires the publication of information on probation service staffing and caseloads.

After Clause 25

LORD BLUNKETT
LORD MOYLAN
BARONESS BURT OF SOLIHULL

After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause —

“Imprisonment or detention for public protection: qualifying period for termination of licences

- (1) Section 31A of the Crime (Sentences) Act 1997 (imprisonment or detention for public protection: termination of licences) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (5), in the definition of “the qualifying period”, for paragraphs (a) and (b) substitute —
 - “(a) for prisoners over the age of 18 subject to imprisonment for public protection sentences, the period of two years beginning with the date of the prisoner’s release;
 - (b) for prisoners under the age of 18 subject to detention for public protection sentences, the period of one year beginning with the date of the prisoner’s release.””

LORD MOYLAN
BARONESS FOX OF BUCKLEY

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After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause —

“Provision for a prisoner to apply to the Parole Board for a licence termination review following expiry of the qualifying period on annual basis

- (1) The Crime (Sentences) Act 1997 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 31A (imprisonment or detention for public protection: termination of licences), after subsection (3) insert —

“(3A) Where —

 - (a) the prisoner has been released on licence under this Chapter,
 - (b) the qualifying period has expired, and
 - (c) the prisoner’s case has been considered for termination previously by the Parole Board and a period of at least 12 months has elapsed since the disposal of that application,

the prisoner may make an application to the Parole Board under this subsection.”
- (3) In subsection (4) —
 - (a) after “reference” insert “or application”;
 - (b) after “subsection (3)” insert “or (3A)”.

Member's explanatory statement

This would allow a prisoner whose licence has not been terminated by the Parole Board two or three years after their first release to make an application annually to the Parole Board for termination, reinstating the right to apply for an annual review that existed prior to changes made by the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022.

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