

HOUSE BILL 4173

PATHWAY TO COMMUNITY PROGRAM
 FOR PEOPLE 50 YEARS OLD WHO HAVE SERVED 25 YEARS OR MORE

INSUFFICIENT DATA TO SUPPORT A FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

House Bill 4173 ([HB4173](#)) creates the Pathway to Community Program within the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) for the offenders at least 50 years old and with 25 years of consecutive time served in a state prison facility. After eight years of participation, and after IDOC identifies the victim or family members of the victim of the offense for engaging in the program and/or receiving services, the participant may petition the Governor for executive clemency.

The program may only serve 50 participants, selected by IDOC based on:

- Successful participation in programs designed to restore him or her to a useful and productive life upon release (*i.e.*, education and substance abuse programming);
- Genuine reform and changed behavior;
- Remorse for the consequences of his/her actions;
- Ability to socialize effectively with others;
- Renunciation of criminal activity and gang affiliation, if previously active gang member;
- Appropriate plan for living arrangements, financial support, and any medical care that will be needed; and
- Input from the victim and from victim’s family members.

SPAC analyzed the most recent IDOC data to determine the number of inmates in IDOC who might be eligible. The data show that on June 30, 2017, IDOC held 945 inmates over the age of 50 who have served at least 25 consecutive years in IDOC. The table below shows the holding offense crimes for inmates held by IDOC on June 30, 2017.

Crime	Frequency	Percent
Murder	694	73%
Criminal Sexual Assault	107	11%
Robbery	60	6%
Attempt Murder	38	4%
Sexually Dangerous Person	19	2%
Armed Violence	12	1%
Other	15	2%
Total Inmates in Prison on June 30, 2017	945	100%

SPAC was unable to determine how many inmates would be accepted into the program, whether all would complete the eight year length, and how many would receive executive clemency.

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