

## **CS/SB 200 — Parole Interview Dates for Certain Inmates**

by Criminal Justice Committee and Senators Baker and Thrasher

This bill amends ss. 947.16, 947.174, and 947.1745, F.S, to permit the Parole Commission to increase the interval between parole interviews to 7 years for certain inmates whose interviews could currently be every 5 years. The increased interval applies to parole-eligible inmates who have been convicted of murder, attempted murder, sexual battery, or attempted sexual battery, or who are serving a 25-year minimum mandatory sentence under s. 775.082, F.S. The commission is currently permitted to increase the parole interview interval for these offenders to 5 years from the standard 2 years if it makes a written finding that it is unlikely to grant parole to the offender. The requirement for a written finding that parole is unlikely before increasing the interval is not changed by the bill.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2010.

*Vote: Senate 35-0; House 114-0*