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**H.B. 268\***  
**136<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

## Bill Analysis

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**Version:** As Reported by House Small Business

**Primary Sponsors:** Reps. Humphrey and Click

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### SUMMARY

- Reduces the amount of time that a person must wait to apply for a certificate of qualification for employment (CQE) if the person served a period of incarceration for a felony offense.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Certificate of qualification for employment

The bill reduces the amount of time that a person who has been incarcerated for a felony must wait before applying for a certificate of qualification for employment (CQE). Under existing law, a person who served a period of incarceration for a felony offense must wait until one year after the date of release from incarceration and the date that all periods of supervision imposed after release from incarceration expire before filing a petition for a CQE. The bill eliminates the requirement that the person wait until all periods of supervision have expired, so that the person may apply simply at one year after the date of release from incarceration.<sup>1</sup>

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\* This analysis was prepared before the report of the House Small Business Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the legislative history may be incomplete.

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 2953.25(B)(4)(a)(i).

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## HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	05-13-25
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