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Bill Analysis

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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 after the expiration of one year from the date of release from incarceration.¹

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	05-13-25
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¹ R.C. 2953.25(B)(4)(a)(i).