
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 425

AN ACT CONCERNING SENTENCE MODIFICATION.

SUMMARY

PA 21-102, § 25, as amended by PA 21-104, § 63, expanded eligibility for sentence modifications (i.e., sentence reduction, defendant discharge, or placement of the defendant on probation or conditional discharge), effective October 1, 2021. It did so by, among other things, allowing defendants whose sentence is a result of a trial to, at any time while incarcerated, move for sentence modification, regardless of sentence length.

However, under the act, defendants incarcerated through plea agreements with sentence lengths over seven years must first reach an agreement with the state's attorney before a sentencing court or judge can hold a modification hearing. This bill specifies that this requirement applies on and after October 1, 2021, to defendants sentenced before, on, or after October 1, 2021.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 34 Nay 5 (03/31/2022)