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Bill Analysis

SB 1433 directs the Pardon and Parole Board to forward any approved commutation recommendations to the Governor within 30 days after approval. The Governor is directed to then schedule a hearing with Court of Criminal Appeals within 3 days of receiving the recommendation. The Governor shall preside over the hearing to personally consider testimony introduced by the prosecution and defense. Testimony may then be introduced by experts, trial witnesses, family members of the victim, and family members of the accused. The Governor then has 90 days after the hearing to grant or deny the application for commutation. If the Pardon and Parole Board denies the application prior to sending the recommendation to the Governor, the application will be deemed as denied if no action is taken by the Governor.

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