

SB 300 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What was amended to SB 300 on July 7th?

1. Removed the section that mandates courts to provide sentencing relief for persons sentenced under felony murder special circumstances 190.2(d)
2. An urgency clause was added that allows SB 300 to proceed now rather than being held in the Senate until January
3. The urgency clause allows the bill, upon passage in the Legislature, to go into immediate effect upon signature of the Governor

What does SB 300 still do?

1. Reforms California's felony murder special circumstances law to ensure that the death penalty and life without the possibility of parole cannot be imposed on those who did not kill, or intend that a person die, during a crime
2. Addresses the injustice of mandatory life without parole sentences by restoring to judges the discretion to impose a sentence of 25-to-life when they determine that an opportunity to earn parole would best serve the interest of justice in a case where special circumstances have been charged