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Inmates freed in short time

To the Editor:

I read your editorial [Sept. 15] about the new law concerning informing a jury of the impact of parole upon the sentence it imposes.

You stated that after "good time" and other credits, an inmate can be released after serving less than half of his sentence.

That's true, but it is an understatement. In fact, most inmates today are being released from TDC after serving only about one-ninth of their sentence, and indications are that figure will decrease even more in the near future.

Even a life sentence on a capital murder is only about 12-15 years.

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