

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 615

BY REPRESENTATIVE TERRY LANDRY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CORRECTIONS/PRISONERS: Provides relative to the release date of an inmate required to complete certain programs prior to release on parole

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.4.1(D), relative to inmate programs; to provide relative
3 to completion of programs prior to release on parole; and to provide for related
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:574.4.1(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §574.4.1. Parole consideration and hearings

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9 D.(1) ~~The~~ Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the release
10 date of the prisoner shall be fixed by the committee, but such date shall not be later
11 than six months after the parole hearing or the most recent reconsideration of the
12 prisoner's case.

13 (2) If the committee on parole determines that it is necessary for the prisoner
14 to complete one or more rehabilitative programs prior to his release to ensure public
15 safety and enhance the prisoner's opportunity for success, the release date of the
16 prisoner may be extended to no later than nine months after the parole hearing or the
17 most recent reconsideration of the prisoner's case.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the release date for certain inmates who are granted parole and are required to complete certain programs prior to their release.

Present law (R.S. 15:574.4.1) provides that when the committee on parole grants parole, the release date shall be fixed by the committee on parole and cannot exceed a period of six months after the parole hearing or the most recent consideration of the inmate's case.

Proposed law retains present law but allows the committee on parole to extend this period to a maximum of nine months after the parole hearing or the most recent consideration of the inmate's case, if the committee on parole determines that to ensure public safety and the offender's opportunity for success, completion of one or more specific rehabilitative programs is required prior to the inmate's release.

(Amends R.S. 15:574.4.1(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Remove the proposed law provision that would have made inmates convicted of a crime of violence or sentenced as a habitual offender eligible for participation in the present law inmate rehabilitation and workforce development program.