

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 an inmate's eligibility to participate in certain programs and relative to completion of programs prior to release on parole

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.4.1(D) and 1199.7(C), relative to inmate programs; to
3 provide relative to eligibility for participation in the inmate rehabilitation and
4 workforce development program; to authorize inmates convicted of a crime of
5 violence and inmates sentenced as a habitual offender to be considered for
6 participation in the program; to provide relative to completion of programs prior to
7 release on parole; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 15:574.4.1(D) and 1199.7(C) are hereby amended and reenacted to
10 read as follows:

11 §574.4.1. Parole consideration and hearings

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

17 (2) If the committee on parole determines that it is necessary for the prisoner
18 to complete one or more rehabilitative programs prior to his release to ensure public
19 safety and enhance the prisoner's opportunity for success, the release date of the

Proposed law removes this present law prohibition for inmates convicted of a crime of violence and inmates convicted and sentenced as a habitual offender. Proposed law retains the present law prohibition for inmates convicted of a sex offense.

(Amends R.S. 15:574.4.1(D) and 1199.7(C))