
DIGEST

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HB 329 Engrossed

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Abstract: Relative to pre-parole reports, requires the release of information to a requesting offender prior to his pardon or parole hearing.

Present law (R.S. 15:574.12(B)) provides for the release of information contained in the pre-parole report to the committee on parole, Board of Pardons, sentencing judge, district attorney or law enforcement agency, and other agencies, officials, and officers.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires such information to be released to a requesting offender within a reasonable time following the request but no later than 14 days prior to his pardon or parole hearing, along with any other information provided to the Board of Pardons and committee on parole pertaining to the requesting offender.

Proposed law includes an exception for information provided by, on behalf of, or pertaining to the victim or the victim's family. Further prohibits the release of the identity of an individual who is not a law enforcement officer if such individual requests that his identity not be disclosed to the requesting offender.

Proposed law further provides that the requesting offender and the district attorney shall be provided with a copy of any mental health evaluation of the requesting offender prepared for the purpose of his pardon or parole consideration.

(Amends R.S. 15:574.12(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Amend proposed law to require the requested pre-parole report to be provided to the offender or his counsel within a reasonable time following the request but no later than 14 days prior to the commencement of any pardon or parole hearing.
2. Relative to information released to an offender in a pre-parole report, amend proposed law to prohibit the release of the identity of an individual who is not a law enforcement officer if such individual requests that his identity not be disclosed to the requesting offender.

