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## DIGEST

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HB 168 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Creates a transitional reentry program for female parolees.

Proposed law establishes a transitional reentry program administered by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) for female parolees that is designed to facilitate their safe and successful reintegration into the community.

Proposed law provides for criteria that a female offender is required to meet for consideration of placement in the program as follows:

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of present law (R.S. 15:574.4), is currently eligible for parole consideration and meets all of the following criteria:
  - (a) Has served at least five years of imprisonment in actual custody.
  - (b) The instant conviction or any prior conviction is not a sex offense.
  - (c) Is within six months of her projected release date based on diminution of sentence pursuant to present law (R.S. 15:571.3).
  - (d) Has not been denied parole in the previous 12 months.
  - (e) Has not committed any major disciplinary offenses in the 12 months prior to her entering the program.
- (2) Has been granted parole pursuant to present law.
- (3) Voluntarily agrees to participate in and adhere to any additional screening, assessment, or eligibility requirements established by the DPS&C.

Present law (R.S. 15:828.4) provides for the establishment of the transitional residential pilot program for female offenders, eligibility conditions, implementation, and a termination date of Aug. 1, 2024.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Adds R.S. 15:574.23; Repeals R.S. 15:828.4)

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Make technical changes.
2. Repeal present law that established a transitional residential pilot program for female offenders that terminated on Aug. 1, 2024.