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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.

<u>Present law</u> (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.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and additionally requires such information to be released to a requesting offender 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> includes an exception for information provided by, on behalf of, or pertaining to the victim, the victim's family, or individuals who are not law enforcement officers who request that their identity not be disclosed to the requesting offender.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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))