

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 338

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPLESSIS

PARDON/PAROLE: Provides relative to physical and mental health information of an offender appearing before the committee on parole

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.3(B), relative to reports furnished to the committee on  
3 parole; to provide for the reporting of certain physical and mental health information  
4 of an offender appearing before the committee on parole; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 15:574.3(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §574.3. Personnel and reports to be furnished by the Department of Public Safety  
9 and Corrections to the committee on parole; reports to be provided to the  
10 Board of Pardons; intensive incarceration and intensive parole supervision  
11 program data compilation; annual report

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13 B. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall see that every  
14 offender is interviewed and explained the rules with respect to release on parole. It  
15 shall secure all relevant data and shall assist the offender in formulating a parole  
16 plan. Whenever the committee orders a parole hearing to be held, the Department  
17 of Public Safety and Corrections shall secure a report with respect to the personality  
18 of the offender, his social history, his adjustment to authority, the physical, mental,  
19 or psychiatric condition of the offender when such information is available, and his

1           prison record, and may include any recommendation with reference to the release of  
2           the offender on parole.

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DIGEST

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HB 338 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Requires the reporting of certain physical and mental health information of an offender appearing before the committee on parole for a parole hearing.

Present law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to ensure that every offender is interviewed and explained the rules with respect to release on parole and to secure all relevant data and shall assist the offender in formulating a parole plan.

Whenever the committee orders a parole hearing to be held, present law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to secure a report with respect to the personality of the offender, his social history, his adjustment to authority, and his prison record, and may include any recommendation with reference to the release of the offender on parole.

Proposed law retains present law and adds information regarding the physical, mental, or psychiatric condition of the offender, when available, to the list of information included in the report secured by the department.

(Amends R.S. 15:574.3(B))