PAROLE: Provides relative to parole hearings

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Provides that beginning on Aug. 1, 2024, the committee on parole shall not consider a parole rehearing of any prisoner serving a sentence for certain offenses until at least four years after the denial of parole.

2. Removes the effective date for proposed law.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law requires parole hearings to be conducted in a formal manner and in accordance with the rules formulated by the committee on parole and with provisions of present law. Further requires prisoners to appear before and be interviewed by the committee on parole before parole is considered.

Proposed law provides that beginning on Aug. 1, 2024, the committee on parole shall not consider a parole rehearing of any prisoner who is serving a sentence for any of the following offenses until at least four years after the denial of parole:

1. Any crime of violence or sex offense, for which the prisoner is serving a life sentence and for which the prisoner is eligible for parole.

2. Any crime that is both a crime of violence and a sex offense, for which the prisoner is serving a fixed term of years and for which the prisoner is eligible for parole.

3. Manslaughter, for which the prisoner is eligible for parole.

(Amends R.S. 15:574.4.1(A)(1))