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Abstract: Changes the earning rate of good time for those convicted of a crime of violence and changes parole eligibility for such offenders.

<u>Present law</u> provides for diminution of sentence or the earning of "good time" for certain offenders.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the rate of diminution of sentence allowed for a prisoner convicted a first time of a crime of violence is three days for every 17 days in actual custody.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes the rate to 10 days for every 30 days in actual custody.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a person convicted of a crime of violence and not otherwise ineligible for parole shall serve at least 85% of the sentence imposed before being eligible for parole.

Proposed law changes this rate to 75%.

(Amends R.S. 15:571.3(A)(1) and (B)(2) and 574.4(B)(1))