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H.B. No. 2670

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the early termination of parole and mandatory supervision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 508, Government Code, is amended by amending Section 508.155 and by adding Section 508.1551 to read as follows:

Sec. 508.155. COMPLETION OF PAROLE OR MANDATORY SUPERVISION PERIOD; EARLY TERMINATION. (a) To complete a parole period or a period of mandatory supervision, a releasee other than a releasee granted early termination of supervision must serve the entire period of parole.

(b) The time on parole is computed as calendar time.

(c) The division may recommend that a parole panel grant a releasee early termination of supervision if:

(1) the releasee is under supervision after serving a sentence for an offense other than an offense listed in Section 508.149, and the releasee has not previously been convicted of an offense listed in Section 508.149;

(2) the releasee is not under supervision following the revocation of community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision;

(3) the releasee has been under supervision for five years or for a period that when added to the calendar time served in

1 the institutional division by the releasee before release equals
2 two-thirds of the releasee's sentence; and

3 (4) the releasee's compliance with conditions of
4 release has been satisfactory.

5 (d) The parole panel shall review the recommendation and may
6 order or deny early termination of supervision.

7 (e) A releasee who is granted early termination under
8 Subsection (d) has the same status as a releasee who completes a
9 parole period or period of mandatory supervision by serving the
10 entire period of parole or mandatory supervision.

11 (f) The policy board shall adopt rules defining
12 satisfactory compliance with conditions of release.

13 Sec. 508.1551. TERMINATION OF SUPERVISION AND REPORTING
14 REQUIREMENTS. (a) The division may allow a releasee to serve the
15 remainder of the releasee's sentence without supervision and
16 without being required to report if:

17 (1) the releasee has been under supervision for at
18 least one-half of the time that remained on the releasee's sentence
19 when the releasee was released from imprisonment;

20 (2) during the period of supervision the releasee's
21 parole or release to mandatory supervision has not been revoked;
22 and

23 (3) the division determines:

24 (A) that the releasee has made a good faith
25 effort to comply with any restitution order imposed on the releasee
26 by a court; and

27 (B) that allowing the releasee to serve the

1 remainder of the releasee's sentence without supervision and
2 reporting is in the best interest of society.

3 (b) [~~(d)~~] The division may require a person released from
4 supervision and reporting under Subsection (a) [~~(c)~~] to resubmit to
5 supervision and resume reporting at any time and for any reason.

6 SECTION 2. (a) The Board of Pardons and Paroles Policy
7 Board shall adopt rules defining satisfactory compliance with
8 conditions of release, as required by Section 508.155(f),
9 Government Code, as added by this Act, not later than September 30,
10 2003.

11 (b) The change in law made by this Act to Section 508.155,
12 Government Code, applies to a releasee on parole or mandatory
13 supervision on or after October 1, 2003, regardless of whether the
14 releasee was released on parole or mandatory supervision before,
15 on, or after that date.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.