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H.B. No. 1958

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

2 relating to the release from the Texas Department of Criminal
3 Justice of certain inmates who complete a rehabilitation program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 508.141, Government Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (d-1) to read as
7 follows:

8 (d) A parole panel may release an inmate on parole during
9 the parole month established for the inmate, or at an earlier time
10 in accordance with Subsection (d-1), if the panel determines that
11 the inmate's release will not increase the likelihood of harm to the
12 public.

13 (d-1) If a parole panel requires, as a condition of release,
14 that an inmate complete a specific department rehabilitation
15 program before release, the department shall place the inmate in
16 the program specified by the parole panel, except that the
17 department may place the inmate in a different program with the
18 approval of the parole panel. If the inmate successfully completes
19 a department rehabilitation program specified or approved by the
20 parole panel under this subsection and satisfies all other
21 conditions of release specified by the parole panel before the
22 parole month established for the inmate, the department shall
23 promptly notify the parole panel for purposes of considering the
24 inmate's immediate release.

1 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to any
2 inmate who is confined in a facility operated by or under contract
3 with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on or after the
4 effective date of this Act, regardless of when the inmate's period
5 of confinement began.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.