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S.B. No. 1948

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the supervised reentry into the community of certain
3 inmates nearing their date of discharge from the Texas Department
4 of Criminal Justice.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 508, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 508.1491 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 508.1491. SUPERVISED REENTRY PROGRAM. (a) This
9 section applies to an inmate who is eligible for release on parole
10 but who has not been released on parole or to mandatory supervision
11 under this chapter before the date described by Subsection (b).

12 (b) A parole panel shall order the release of an inmate to
13 the supervised reentry program described by Subsection (c) on the
14 later of the following dates, as determined by the actual calendar
15 time the inmate has served, without consideration of good conduct
16 time:

17 (1) one year before the date on which the inmate will
18 discharge the inmate's sentence; or

19 (2) the date on which the inmate will have served 90
20 percent of the inmate's sentence.

21 (c) The department, to the extent practicable and before an
22 inmate is discharged, shall make arrangements for the inmate's
23 supervised reentry into the community. The inmate's supervised
24 reentry program shall provide the inmate with skills necessary to

1 make a transition from incarceration to the community, including
2 providing the inmate with appropriate substance abuse treatment,
3 counseling, and other social service programs.

4 (d) A parole panel releasing an inmate under this section
5 shall impose conditions that require the inmate to participate
6 fully in all treatment and counseling programs provided by the
7 department and may impose any other conditions determined by the
8 panel to be appropriate. An inmate who fails to comply with a
9 condition imposed under this subsection is subject to revocation or
10 other sanctions in the same manner and under the same procedures as
11 an inmate who fails to comply with conditions of parole or mandatory
12 supervision.

13 (e) The period of supervised reentry is computed by
14 subtracting from the term for which the inmate was sentenced the
15 calendar time served on the sentence. The time served on supervised
16 reentry is computed as calendar time, except that if an inmate's
17 participation in the supervised reentry program is revoked, the
18 inmate does not receive credit against the remainder of the
19 inmate's sentence for any time served in the program.

20 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply to any
21 inmate serving a term of confinement in the Texas Department of
22 Criminal Justice on or after the effective date of this Act,
23 regardless of when the inmate was sentenced to serve that term.

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