

1-1 By: Hinojosa S.B. No. 1948
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the supervised reentry into the community of certain
1-9 inmates nearing their date of discharge from the Texas Department
1-10 of Criminal Justice.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 508, Government Code, is
1-13 amended by adding Section 508.1491 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 508.1491. SUPERVISED REENTRY PROGRAM. (a) This
1-15 section applies to an inmate who is eligible for release on parole
1-16 but who has not been released on parole or to mandatory supervision
1-17 under this chapter before the date described by Subsection (b).

1-18 (b) A parole panel shall order the release of an inmate to
1-19 the supervised reentry program described by Subsection (c) on the
1-20 later of the following dates, as determined by the actual calendar
1-21 time the inmate has served, without consideration of good conduct
1-22 time:

1-23 (1) one year before the date on which the inmate will
1-24 discharge the inmate's sentence; or

1-25 (2) the date on which the inmate will have served 90
1-26 percent of the inmate's sentence.

1-27 (c) The department, to the extent practicable and before an
1-28 inmate is discharged, shall make arrangements for the inmate's
1-29 supervised reentry into the community. The inmate's supervised
1-30 reentry program shall provide the inmate with skills necessary to
1-31 make a transition from incarceration to the community, including
1-32 providing the inmate with appropriate substance abuse treatment,
1-33 counseling, and other social service programs.

1-34 (d) A parole panel releasing an inmate under this section
1-35 shall impose conditions that require the inmate to participate
1-36 fully in all treatment and counseling programs provided by the
1-37 department and may impose any other conditions determined by the
1-38 panel to be appropriate. An inmate who fails to comply with a
1-39 condition imposed under this subsection is subject to revocation or
1-40 other sanctions in the same manner and under the same procedures as
1-41 an inmate who fails to comply with conditions of parole or mandatory
1-42 supervision.

1-43 (e) The period of supervised reentry is computed by
1-44 subtracting from the term for which the inmate was sentenced the
1-45 calendar time served on the sentence. The time served on supervised
1-46 reentry is computed as calendar time, except that if an inmate's
1-47 participation in the supervised reentry program is revoked, the
1-48 inmate does not receive credit against the remainder of the
1-49 inmate's sentence for any time served in the program.

1-50 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply to any
1-51 inmate serving a term of confinement in the Texas Department of
1-52 Criminal Justice on or after the effective date of this Act,
1-53 regardless of when the inmate was sentenced to serve that term.

1-54 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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