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S.B. No. 2276

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 Related to parole board rules regarding inmates claiming actual  
3 innocence.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article 508.0441, Government Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (d) The parole board may not adopt any rule, policy or  
8 practice that penalizes or denies privileges to a prisoner for  
9 failing to take responsibility for the crime for which they were  
10 incarcerated or other offenses for which the prisoner has not been  
11 finally convicted if that prisoner maintained innocence at trial  
12 and throughout the post-conviction appellate process, including  
13 any post-conviction habeas writs.

14 (e) The presiding officer may provide a written plan for the  
15 administrative review of actions taken by a parole panel by a review  
16 panel.

17 (f) Board members and parole commissioners shall, at the  
18 direction of the presiding officer, file activity reports on duties  
19 performed under this chapter.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.