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H.B. No. 3650

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to cash payments provided to an inmate released on parole,  
mandatory supervision, or conditional pardon from the Texas  
Department of Criminal Justice.

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

SECTION 1. Section 501.015(b), Government Code, is amended  
to read as follows:

(b) When an inmate is released on parole, mandatory  
supervision, or conditional pardon, ~~[the inmate is entitled to  
receive \$100 from]~~ the department shall provide the inmate with \$50  
on the inmate's release from the facility and transportation at the  
expense of the department to:

(1) the location at which the inmate is required to  
report to a parole officer, if the inmate is required to report to a  
parole officer;

(2) [by the pardons and paroles division. The inmate  
shall receive \$50 on his release from the institution and \$50 on  
initially reporting to a parole officer at the location at which the  
inmate is required to report to a parole officer. If an inmate is  
released and is not required by the pardons and paroles division to  
report to a parole officer or is authorized by the pardons and  
paroles division to report to a location outside this state, the  
department shall provide the inmate with \$100 and, at the expense of  
the department, transportation to:]

1           ~~[(1)]~~ the location of the inmate's residence, if the  
2 residence is in this state and the inmate is not required to report  
3 to a parole officer; or

4           (3) ~~[(2)]~~ a transit point determined appropriate by  
5 the department, if the inmate's residence is outside this state or  
6 the inmate is required ~~[by the pardons and paroles division]~~ to  
7 report to a location outside this state.

8           SECTION 2. Section 499.155(c), Government Code, is amended  
9 to read as follows:

10           (c) If an inmate is discharged or released on parole or  
11 mandatory supervision from a transfer facility, the inmate is  
12 entitled to receive release or discharge money from the department  
13 ~~[institutional division]~~ in the same amount as an inmate is  
14 entitled to receive on release or discharge from any other facility  
15 of the department ~~[institutional division]~~ under Section 501.015.

16           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.