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S.B. No. 976

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) The department, before an inmate is released under Subsection (b), shall make arrangements for the inmate's supervised reentry into the community. The inmate's supervised reentry program must:

1           (1) provide the inmate with skills necessary to ensure  
2 the successful reentry of the inmate into the community, including  
3 providing the inmate with appropriate substance abuse treatment,  
4 counseling, and other social service programs; and

5           (2) be coordinated with any programs in which the  
6 inmate is or will be participating or services the inmate is or will  
7 be receiving through:

8                   (A) the comprehensive reentry and reintegration  
9 plan under Section 501.092;

10                   (B) the reentry program for long-term inmates  
11 under Section 501.096; or

12                   (C) the reintegration services provided under  
13 Section 501.097.

14           (d) A parole panel releasing an inmate under Subsection (b)  
15 shall impose conditions that require the inmate to participate  
16 fully in all treatment and counseling programs provided by the  
17 department and may impose any other conditions determined by the  
18 panel to be appropriate. An inmate who fails to comply with a  
19 condition imposed under this subsection is subject to revocation or  
20 other sanctions in the same manner and under the same procedures as  
21 an inmate who fails to comply with conditions of parole or mandatory  
22 supervision.

23           (e) The period of supervised reentry is computed by  
24 subtracting from the term for which the inmate was sentenced the  
25 calendar time served on the sentence. The time served on supervised  
26 reentry is computed as calendar time.

27           (f) If an inmate's participation in the supervised reentry

1 program is revoked, the remaining portion of the inmate's sentence  
2 is computed with credit for any time the inmate served in the  
3 program.

4 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to any  
5 inmate serving a term of imprisonment in the Texas Department of  
6 Criminal Justice on or after the effective date of this Act,  
7 regardless of when the inmate was sentenced to serve that term.

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