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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, before an inmate is released under
1-28 Subsection (b), shall make arrangements for the inmate's supervised
1-29 reentry into the community. The inmate's supervised reentry
1-30 program must:

1-31 (1) provide the inmate with skills necessary to ensure
1-32 the successful reentry of the inmate into the community, including
1-33 providing the inmate with appropriate substance abuse treatment,
1-34 counseling, and other social service programs; and

1-35 (2) be coordinated with any programs in which the
1-36 inmate is or will be participating or services the inmate is or will
1-37 be receiving through:

1-38 (A) the comprehensive reentry and reintegration
1-39 plan under Section 501.092;

1-40 (B) the reentry program for long-term inmates
1-41 under Section 501.096; or

1-42 (C) the reintegration services provided under
1-43 Section 501.097.

1-44 (d) A parole panel releasing an inmate under Subsection (b)
1-45 shall impose conditions that require the inmate to participate
1-46 fully in all treatment and counseling programs provided by the
1-47 department and may impose any other conditions determined by the
1-48 panel to be appropriate. An inmate who fails to comply with a
1-49 condition imposed under this subsection is subject to revocation or
1-50 other sanctions in the same manner and under the same procedures as
1-51 an inmate who fails to comply with conditions of parole or mandatory
1-52 supervision.

1-53 (e) The period of supervised reentry is computed by
1-54 subtracting from the term for which the inmate was sentenced the
1-55 calendar time served on the sentence. The time served on supervised
1-56 reentry is computed as calendar time.

1-57 (f) If an inmate's participation in the supervised reentry
1-58 program is revoked, the remaining portion of the inmate's sentence
1-59 is computed with credit for any time the inmate served in the
1-60 program.

1-61 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to any
1-62 inmate serving a term of imprisonment in the Texas Department of
1-63 Criminal Justice on or after the effective date of this Act,
1-64 regardless of when the inmate was sentenced to serve that term.

2-1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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