

By: Davis of Harris

H.B. No. 2468

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study on the assessments used by the Board of Pardons and Paroles to make parole decisions.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 508, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 508.1446 to read as follows:

Sec. 508.1446. STUDY ON ASSESSMENTS USED DURING PAROLE DECISIONS. (a) The board shall conduct a study on the effectiveness of the assessments used by the board and parole panels in determining, for purposes of making parole decisions under this chapter, an inmate's risk of recidivism.

(b) In conducting the study, the board shall, at a minimum, use information for inmates considered for parole during the period beginning January 1, 2015, and ending December 31, 2017.

(c) In evaluating the effectiveness of the assessments, the board shall analyze the number and percentage of inmates released on parole who:

(1) are convicted of a misdemeanor offense following release on parole;

(2) are convicted of a felony offense following release on parole; or

(3) have parole revoked for a reason other than a new conviction.

(d) Not later than January 1, 2019, the board shall submit a

1 report on the results of the study to the governor, the lieutenant
2 governor, and each member of the legislature. The report must
3 include any recommendations the board considers necessary to
4 improve the parole decision-making process, including any changes
5 to the assessments used or the parole guidelines or recommended
6 parole approval rates described by Section [508.144](#).

7 (e) This section expires August 31, 2019.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.