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H.B. No. 1753

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the early release from supervision of certain persons released on parole or to mandatory supervision.

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

SECTION 1. Section 508.1555(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A parole officer annually shall identify the releasees under the parole officer's supervision who are eligible for early release from supervision under Section 508.155(c). A releasee is eligible for early release if:

(1) the releasee has been under supervision for the lesser of:

(A) [at least] one-half of the time that remained on the releasee's sentence when the releasee was released from imprisonment; or

(B) 10 years;

(2) during the preceding two-year period, the releasee has not committed any violation of the rules or conditions of release;

(3) during the period of supervision the releasee's parole or release to mandatory supervision has not been revoked; and

(4) the division determines:

(A) that the releasee has made a good faith

1 effort to comply with any restitution order imposed on the releasee
2 by a court; and

3 (B) that allowing the releasee to serve the
4 remainder of the releasee's sentence without supervision and
5 reporting is in the best interest of society.

6 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
7 person on parole or mandatory supervision on or after the effective
8 date of this Act, regardless of whether the person was released on
9 parole or to mandatory supervision before, on, or after that date.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.