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H.B. No. 3685

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the award of time credits to certain persons released on parole or to mandatory supervision.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 508, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 508.1559 to read as follows:

Sec. 508.1559. TIME CREDITS FOR COMPLETION OF CERTAIN CONDITIONS OF PAROLE OR MANDATORY SUPERVISION. (a) This section applies only to a releasee who:

(1) is serving a sentence for an offense punishable as a felony of the third degree, other than an offense:

(A) included as a reportable conviction or adjudication under Article 62.001(5), Code of Criminal Procedure;

(B) involving family violence as defined by Section 71.004, Family Code; or

(C) under Section 20.03, Penal Code; and

(2) has fully satisfied any order to pay restitution to a victim.

(b) A releasee is entitled to time credits toward the completion of the releasee's period of parole or mandatory supervision in an amount equal to seven days for each month in which the releasee is in compliance with the conditions of the releasee's parole or mandatory supervision.

(c) In addition to the time credits to which a releasee is

1 entitled under Subsection (b), a releasee is entitled to receive  
2 any combination of time credits toward the completion of the  
3 releasee's period of parole or mandatory supervision in accordance  
4 with Subsections (d), (e), and (f) if the releasee was required as a  
5 condition of parole or mandatory supervision to:

- 6           (1) make a payment described by Subsection (d);  
7           (2) complete a treatment or rehabilitation program  
8 described by Subsection (e); or  
9           (3) earn a diploma, certificate, or degree described  
10 by Subsection (f).

11       (d) A releasee is entitled to time credits toward the  
12 completion of the releasee's period of parole or mandatory  
13 supervision for the full payment of court costs, fines, attorney's  
14 fees, and restitution as follows:

- 15           (1) court costs: 15 days;  
16           (2) fines: 30 days;  
17           (3) attorney's fees: 30 days; and  
18           (4) restitution: 60 days.

19       (e) A releasee is entitled to time credits toward the  
20 completion of the releasee's period of parole or mandatory  
21 supervision for the successful completion of treatment or  
22 rehabilitation programs as follows:

- 23           (1) parenting class or parental responsibility  
24 program: 30 days;  
25           (2) anger management program: 30 days;  
26           (3) life skills training program: 30 days;  
27           (4) vocational, technical, or career education or

1 training program: 60 days;

2 (5) alcohol or substance abuse counseling or  
3 treatment: 90 days;

4 (6) mental health program: 90 days; and

5 (7) any other faith-based, volunteer, or  
6 community-based program ordered or approved by the parole panel: 30  
7 days.

8 (f) A releasee is entitled to time credits toward the  
9 completion of the releasee's period of parole or mandatory  
10 supervision for earning the following diplomas, certificates, or  
11 degrees:

12 (1) a high school diploma or high school equivalency  
13 certificate: 90 days; and

14 (2) an associate degree: 120 days.

15 (g) If a releasee's parole or mandatory supervision is  
16 revoked, all of the time credits to which the releasee is entitled  
17 under this section are forfeited and may not be credited toward the  
18 remaining portion of the releasee's sentence.

19 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
20 to a person who is released on parole or to mandatory supervision  
21 for an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
22 A person who is released on parole or to mandatory supervision for  
23 an offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
24 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,  
25 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For  
26 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the  
27 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred

1 before that date.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.