

AN ACT

relating to the frequency with which the Board of Pardons and Paroles reconsiders inmates for release on parole.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 508.141(g) and (g-1), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(g) The board shall adopt a policy establishing the date on which the board may reconsider for release an inmate who has previously been denied release. The policy must require the board to reconsider the inmate for release[+]

~~[(1) an inmate serving a sentence for an offense listed in Section 508.149(a) or for an offense punishable as a felony of the second or third degree under Section 22.04, Penal Code]~~ during a month designated under Subsection (g-1) by the parole panel that denied release[+, and

~~[(2) an inmate other than an inmate described by Subdivision (1) as soon as practicable after the first anniversary of the date of the denial].~~

(g-1) The month designated for reconsideration ~~[under Subsection (g)(1) by the parole panel that denied release]~~ must:

(1) except as provided by Subdivisions (2) and (3), begin after the first anniversary of the date of the denial and end before the fifth anniversary of the date of the denial;

(2) if the inmate is serving a sentence for an offense

1 under Section 481.115, Health and Safety Code, involving a  
2 controlled substance listed in Penalty Group 1, or an offense under  
3 Section 481.1151, 481.116, 481.1161, 481.117, 481.118, or 481.121  
4 of that code, begin as soon as practicable after the first  
5 anniversary of the date of the denial; or

6 (3) if~~[, unless]~~ the inmate is serving a sentence for  
7 an offense under Section 22.021, Penal Code, or a life sentence for  
8 a capital felony, ~~[in which event the designated month must]~~ begin  
9 after the first anniversary of the date of the denial and end before  
10 the 10th anniversary of the date of the denial.

11 SECTION 2. (a) Section 508.141, Government Code, as  
12 amended by this Act, applies to any inmate who is confined in a  
13 facility operated by or under contract with the Texas Department of  
14 Criminal Justice on or after the effective date of this Act,  
15 regardless of whether the offense for which the inmate is confined  
16 occurred before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

17 (b) The Board of Pardons and Paroles shall adopt a policy  
18 consistent with Section 508.141, Government Code, as amended by  
19 this Act, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this  
20 Act.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1506 passed the Senate on April 16, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4; May 7, 2025, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 19, 2025, House granted request of the Senate; May 30, 2025, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

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I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1506 passed the House, with amendments, on May 6, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 125, Nays 23, one present not voting; May 19, 2025, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 31, 2025, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 121, Nays 9, two present not voting.

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