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## DIGEST

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HB No. 670

**Abstract:** Authorizes intensive parole supervision for certain habitual offenders.

Proposed law provides that the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections may release to intensive parole supervision any person sentenced as a habitual offender and denied eligibility for diminution of sentence if all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The offender has not been convicted of a crime of violence or a sex offense.
- (2) The offender has not committed any disciplinary offenses in the 12 consecutive months prior to the parole eligibility date.
- (3) The offender is within six months of his projected release date.
- (4) The offender has completed the mandatory minimum of 100 hours of prerelease programming.
- (5) The offender has completed substance abuse treatment as applicable.
- (6) The offender has obtained a high school equivalency diploma (GED) unless the offender has previously obtained a high school diploma or is deemed by a certified educator as being incapable of obtaining a GED due to a learning disability. If the offender is deemed incapable of obtaining a GED, the offender must complete at least one of the following: a literacy program, an adult basic education program, or a job-skills training program.
- (7) The offender has obtained a low-risk level designation determined by a validated risk assessment instrument approved by the secretary of DPS&C.
- (8) The offender has completed a reentry program to be determined by the DPS&C.

(Adds R.S. 15:529.2)