

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 329

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(On Recommendation of the Louisiana State Law Institute)

PAROLE: Provides relative to information contained in pre-parole reports

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.12(B), relative to pre-parole reports; to provide the  
3 offender with the right to receive a copy of the pre-parole report; to provide for the  
4 confidentiality of information contained in the pre-parole report; and to provide for  
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 15:574.12(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §574.12. Information as to offenders and ex-offenders; confidentiality

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10 B.(1) Information may be released upon request without special  
11 authorization, subject to other restrictions that may be imposed by federal law or by  
12 other provisions of state law, to the committee on parole, Board of Pardons, the  
13 governor, the sentencing judge, counsel for the juvenile in a delinquency matter, a  
14 district attorney or law enforcement agency, the personnel and legal representatives  
15 of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, corrections services and youth  
16 services, including student interns, appropriate governmental agencies, or officials  
17 when access to such information is imperative for discharge of the responsibilities  
18 of the requesting agency, official, or court officer and the information is not  
19 reasonably available through any other means, and court officers with court orders  
20 specifying the information requested.



Proposed law further provides that the requesting offender and the district attorney shall be provided with a copy of any mental health evaluation of the requesting offender prepared for the purpose of his pardon or parole consideration.

(Amends R.S. 15:574.12(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Amend proposed law to require the requested pre-parole report to be provided to the offender or his counsel within a reasonable time following the request but no later than 14 days prior to the commencement of any pardon or parole hearing.
2. Relative to information released to an offender in a pre-parole report, amend proposed law to prohibit the release of the identity of an individual who is not a law enforcement officer if such individual requests that his identity not be disclosed to the requesting offender.