

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 54

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT

PAROLE: Provides relative to alternative conditions for violations of parole

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AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.7(C)(2)(b) and to enact R.S. 15:574.7(C)(2)(c), relative
3 to parole violations; to provide for the placement of parolees in certain programs as
4 an alternative to revocation of parole; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:574.7(C)(2)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
7 15:574.7(C)(2)(c) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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17 (b) As an alternative to revocation, that the parolee, as a condition of parole,
18 be committed to a community rehabilitation center or a substance abuse treatment
19 program operated by, or under contract with, the department, for a period of time not
20 to exceed six months, without benefit of good time, provided that such commitment

1 ~~does not extend the period of parole beyond the full parole term. Upon written~~
2 ~~request of the department that the offender be removed for violations of the rules or~~
3 ~~regulations of the community rehabilitation center or substance abuse program, the~~
4 ~~committee shall order that the parole be revoked, with credit for time served in the~~
5 ~~community rehabilitation center. That the parolee, as an alternative to revocation~~
6 ~~and as a condition of parole, be committed to any of the following that is deemed~~
7 ~~appropriate by the board and operated by or under contract with the department:~~

8 (i) A community rehabilitation center.
9 (ii) A substance abuse treatment program.
10 (iii) A mental health treatment program.
11 (iv) A certified treatment and rehabilitation program as provided in R.S.

12 15:828.

13 (c) The commitment authorized pursuant to Subparagraph (b) of this
14 Paragraph shall be for a period not to exceed one year and shall be without benefit
15 of good time, provided that such commitment does not extend the period of parole
16 beyond the full parole term. Upon written request of the department that the parolee
17 be removed for violations of the rules or regulations of the rehabilitation center or
18 program he has been committed to, the committee shall order that the parole be
19 revoked with credit for time served in the rehabilitation center or program.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for an alternative to parole revocation.

Present law provides for parolee supervision, administrative sanctions, and the authority of the committee on parole when there is reasonable cause to believe a parole violation has occurred.

Proposed law retains present law generally.

Present law permits the committee on parole to commit a parolee, as a condition of parole, to a community rehabilitation center or a substance abuse treatment program operated by, or under contract with, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C), for a period of time not to exceed six months, without benefit of good time, provided that such commitment does not extend the period of parole beyond the full parole term.

Present law further provides for revocation of parole, with credit for time served, if the DPS&C submits written request to the committee that the offender be removed for violations of the rules or regulations of the community rehabilitation center or substance abuse program.

Proposed law retains present law relative to the commitment of a parolee to a community rehabilitation center or substance abuse treatment program as an alternative to parole revocation and restructures the provisions of present law.

Proposed law further amends present law to provide that a parolee who violates his parole may be committed to any of the following in lieu of parole revocation:

- (1) A mental health treatment program.
- (2) A certified treatment and rehabilitation program as provided in present law (R.S. 15:828).

Proposed law changes the maximum duration that the parolee may be committed from six months to one year.

(Amends R.S. 15:574.7(C)(2)(b); Adds R.S. 15:574.7(C)(2)(c))