
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides parole eligibility for individuals who meet certain conditions.

Present law provides for parole eligibility.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that any person serving a fixed term or terms of imprisonment that result in a period of incarceration of 30 years or more and who was at least 18 years of age but not more than 20 years of age at the time of the commission of the offense shall be eligible for parole consideration pursuant to proposed law if all of the following conditions have been met:

- (1) The person is a first-time offender who has not been convicted a sex offense or an offense punishable by life imprisonment.
- (2) The offender has served at least 25 years of the sentence imposed.
- (3) The offender has not committed any major disciplinary offenses in the 36 consecutive months prior to the parole hearing date.
- (4) The offender has completed the mandatory minimum of 100 hours of prerelease programming in accordance with present law (R.S. 15:827.1).
- (5) The offender has completed substance abuse treatment as applicable.
- (6) The offender has obtained or completed at least one educational or 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 the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C).
- (8) The offender has completed a reentry program to be determined by the DPS&C.

(Adds R.S. 15:574.4(L))