

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 394

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT

PARDON/PAROLE: Provides relative to conditional parole

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.4.1(D)(2), relative to parole; to provide relative to parole
3 consideration and hearings; to provide for eligibility; to provide relative to release
4 on parole; to provide for conditional parole in certain circumstances; and to provide
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 15:574.4.1(D)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
8 follows:

9 §574.4.1. Parole consideration and hearings

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13 (2)(a) If Except as provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, if the
14 committee on parole determines that it is necessary for the prisoner to complete one
15 or more rehabilitative programs prior to his release to ensure public safety and
16 enhance the prisoner's opportunity for success, the release date of the prisoner may
17 be extended to no later than ~~nine~~ twelve months after the parole hearing or the most
18 recent reconsideration of the prisoner's case.

19 (b)(i) If the committee on parole determines that it is necessary for the
20 prisoner to complete a rehabilitative program prior to his release in order to ensure

- 1 public safety and enhance the prisoner's opportunity for success, the committee may
 2 grant conditional parole that delays release for not more than twenty-four months
 3 pending the prisoner's completion of any of the following programs:
- 4 (aa) A regional reentry program administered through the Department of
 5 Public Safety and Corrections.
- 6 (bb) A reentry and workforce development program administered at the
 7 Louisiana State Penitentiary.
- 8 (cc) A reentry and workforce development program administered at the
 9 Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women.
- 10 (ii) Upon completion of the program, the prisoner shall appear before the
 11 board for a final determination regarding the conditional grant of parole.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to conditional parole for prisoners who need additional rehabilitation prior to release.

Present law provides for parole consideration and hearings.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the release date of a prisoner may be extended to no later than nine months after the parole hearing or the most recent reconsideration of the prisoner's case if the committee on parole determines that it is necessary for the prisoner to complete one or more rehabilitative programs prior to his release to ensure public safety and enhance the prisoner's opportunity for success.

Proposed law amends present law to change the maximum length of extension for the release date from nine months to 12 months. Otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law provides that if the committee on parole determines that it is necessary for the prisoner to complete a rehabilitative program prior to his release in order to ensure public safety and enhance the prisoner's opportunity for success, the committee may grant conditional parole that delays release for not more than 24 months pending the prisoner's completion of any of the following programs:

- (1) A regional reentry program administered through the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C).
- (2) A reentry and workforce development program administered at the La. State Penitentiary.

- (3) A reentry and workforce development program administered at the La. Correctional Institute for Women.

Proposed law requires the prisoner to appear before the board for a final determination regarding the conditional grant of parole upon completion of the program.

(Amends R.S. 15:574.4.1(D)(2))