

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 394

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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 relative to release on parole; and to provide
4 for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

8 §574.4.1. Parole consideration and hearings

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12 (2) If the committee on parole determines that it is necessary for the prisoner
13 to complete one or more rehabilitative programs prior to his release to ensure public
14 safety and enhance the prisoner's opportunity for success, the release date of the
15 prisoner may be extended to no later than ~~nine~~ twenty-four months after the parole
16 hearing or the most recent reconsideration of the prisoner's case.

DIGEST

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HB 394 Engrossed

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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 24 months. Otherwise retains present law.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove proposed law relative to participation and completion of certain rehabilitation programming and the prisoner's appearance before the committee on parole for a final determination regarding the conditional grant of parole.
2. Change the maximum length of extension for the release date of a prisoner on parole from 12 months to 24 months.
3. Make technical changes.