

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 168

BY REPRESENTATIVES FREIBERG, ADAMS, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYD, BRASS, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARPENTER, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, FISHER, FONTENOT, FREEMAN, GREEN, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, MANDIE LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARTINEZ, MELERINE, MILLER, MOORE, MURRAY, PHELPS, SAWYER, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, VILLIO, AND WYBLE

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:574.23 and to repeal R.S. 15:828.4, relative to parole; to establish the
3 transitional reentry program for female parolees; to provide for administration of the
4 program; to provide for eligibility criteria; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:574.23 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §574.23. Transitional reentry program for female parolees; establishment

8 A. For the purposes of this Section, "transitional reentry program" means a
9 structured reentry preparatory program administered by the Department of Public
10 Safety and Corrections for female parolees that is designed to facilitate their safe and
11 successful reintegration into the community.

12 B. A female offender shall be eligible for consideration of placement in the
13 transitional reentry program if she meets all of the following conditions:

14 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 15:574.4, she is currently eligible
15 for parole consideration and has met all of the following criteria:

16 (a) She has served at least five years of imprisonment in actual custody.

17 (b) The instant conviction or any prior conviction is not a sex offense as
18 defined in R.S. 15:541.

1 (c) She is within six months of her projected release date based on
2 diminution of sentence pursuant to R.S. 15:571.3.

3 (d) She has not been denied parole in the previous twelve months.

4 (e) She has not committed any major disciplinary offenses in the twelve
5 months prior to her entering the program. A major disciplinary offense is an offense
6 identified as a Schedule B offense by the Department of Public Safety and
7 Corrections in the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures for Adult Offenders.

8 (2) She has been granted parole pursuant to this Part.

9 (3) She voluntarily agrees to participate in and adhere to any additional
10 screening, assessment, or eligibility requirements established by the Department of
11 Public Safety and Corrections.

12 Section 2. R.S. 15:828.4 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____