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HB No. 159

Abstract: Amends parole eligibility provisions for crimes of violence, reducing the length of time certain offenders must serve before becoming parole eligible.

Present law provides for the following listing of crimes designated as crimes of violence: solicitation for murder, first degree murder, second degree murder, manslaughter, aggravated battery, second degree battery, aggravated assault, mingling harmful substances, aggravated rape, forcible rape, simple rape, sexual battery, second degree sexual battery, intentional exposure to AIDS virus, aggravated kidnapping, second degree kidnapping, simple kidnapping, aggravated arson, aggravated criminal damage to property, aggravated burglary, armed robbery, first degree robbery, simple robbery, purse snatching, extortion, assault by drive-by shooting, aggravated crime against nature, carjacking, illegal use of weapons or dangerous instrumentalities, terrorism, aggravated incest, aggravated second degree battery, aggravated assault upon a peace officer with a firearm, aggravated assault with a firearm, armed robbery, use of firearm, second degree robbery, disarming of a peace officer, stalking, second degree cruelty to juveniles, aggravated flight from an officer, battery of a police officer, trafficking of children for sexual purposes, human trafficking, and home invasion.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that a person convicted of a crime of violence and not otherwise ineligible for parole shall serve at least 85% of the sentence imposed before being eligible for parole.

Proposed law changes present law to provide that a person convicted of a crime of violence not otherwise ineligible for parole shall serve 65% of the sentence imposed for a first felony conviction and 75% of the sentence imposed for a second or subsequent felony conviction before being eligible for parole.

(Amends R.S. 15:574.4(B)(1))