## DIGEST

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Smith

HB No. 196

**Abstract:** Extends by six months eligibility to participate in the DPS&C work release program for habitual offenders.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the establishment of a work release program within the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections.

<u>Present law</u> provides that any inmate who has been convicted of forcible rape, aggravated arson, armed robbery, attempted murder, or attempted armed robbery, and persons sentenced as habitual offenders shall be eligible to participate in a work release program during the last six months of their terms.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> except it allows habitual offenders to be eligible to participate in a work release program during the last 12 months of their terms.

(Amends R.S. 15:1111(I))