
DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

Katrina Jackson

HB No. 682

Abstract: Provides relative to parole for persons convicted of certain crimes of violence, creates the Programs to Reduce Recidivism Fund, and provides for the administration of, distribution from, and appropriation of monies into the fund.

Present law provides for parole eligibility for offenders convicted of a crime of violence upon serving 85% of the sentence imposed.

Proposed law amends present law to provide parole eligibility for these offenders upon serving 75% of the sentence imposed. Provides for prospective application of this provision of proposed law.

Present law provides that a unanimous vote of the committee on parole is required to grant parole for any person convicted of a crime of violence.

Present law provides that the committee on parole may grant parole with a majority vote for non-violent, non-sex offenders when certain conditions are met.

Proposed law amends present law to authorize the granting of parole by majority vote for persons convicted of certain crimes of violence who meet the conditions set forth in present law including completion of at least 100 hours of a reentry preparation program as provided by present law.

Proposed law amends present law to authorize persons convicted of the following crimes of violence to be eligible to participate in the program and thus be eligible for the granting of parole by majority vote: solicitation for murder, manslaughter, aggravated battery, second degree battery, aggravated assault, mingling harmful substances, simple kidnapping, aggravated criminal damage to property, first degree robbery, simple robbery, purse snatching, extortion, assault by drive-by-shooting, illegal use of weapons or dangerous instrumentalities, terrorism, aggravated second degree battery, aggravated assault upon a peace officer with a firearm, aggravated assault with a firearm, stalking, second degree cruelty to juveniles, aggravated flight from an officer, and battery of a police officer.

Proposed law creates the Programs to Reduce Recidivism Fund which shall be administered by the La. Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice to establish a grant program which shall distribute funds to local prison facilities to assist in establishing and to reimburse operations costs of local corrections rehabilitative programs that provide inmates

with fundamental resources in the areas of employment, life skills training, and job placement and that provide the inmates with access to as many support services as possible in order to appreciably increase the likelihood of successful reentry into free society and to reduce recidivism.

Proposed law provides that any savings realized from the proposed law reduction in the amount of time a person convicted of a crime of violence is required to serve prior to being eligible for parole consideration shall be appropriated into the fund.

(Amends R.S. 15:574.2(C)(2), 574.4(B)(1), and 827.1(E)(3)(b); Adds R.S. 15:824.2)