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HOUSE BILL NO. 196

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CORRECTIONS: Provides with respect to work release eligibility for habitual offenders

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:1111(I), relative to work release; to provide for the eligibility
3 to participate in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections work release
4 program; to extend the length of time certain offenders may participate in work
5 release programs; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 15:1111(I) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1111. Work release program

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10 I.(1) Any inmate who has been convicted of forcible rape (R.S. 14:42.1),
11 aggravated arson (R.S. 14:51), armed robbery (R.S. 14:64), attempted murder (R.S.
12 14:27 and 29), or attempted armed robbery (R.S. 14:27 and 64), and persons
13 ~~sentenced as habitual offenders under R.S. 15:529.1~~ shall be eligible to participate
14 in a work release program during the last six months of ~~their terms~~ his term. Any
15 person sentenced as a habitual offender pursuant to R.S. 15:529.1 shall be eligible
16 to participate in a work release program during the last year of his term if the
17 offender has obtained a low-risk level designation determined by a validated risk
18 assessment instrument approved by the secretary of the Department of Public Safety
19 and Corrections. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section and unless the
20 inmate is eligible at an earlier date, those inmates who have served a minimum of

1 fifteen years in the custody of the department for those crimes enumerated in this
2 Section; shall be eligible to participate in a work release program during the last
3 twelve months of their ~~term~~ terms.

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DIGEST

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

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

Present law 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 his term.

Proposed law retains present law except it allows habitual offenders to be eligible to participate in a work release program during the last 12 months of their terms if the offender has obtained a low-risk level designation determined by a validated risk assessment instrument approved by the secretary of the DPS&C.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Added that for a habitual offender to be eligible for work release during the last 12 months of his term, the offender shall have obtained a low-risk level designation from a validated risk assessment tool.