Smith (HB 196) Act No. 37

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

<u>Prior law</u> provided 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.

<u>New law</u> retains <u>prior 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 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.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 15:1111(I)(1))