PAROLE: Provides relative to the supervision of parolees

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.2(D)(1) and to enact R.S. 15:574.7(E), relative to the committee on parole; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the committee on parole; to provide relative to the time and conditions of release on parole; to provide relative to the supervision and fees associated with the supervision of a parolee; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 15:574.2(D)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 15:574.7(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§574.2. Committee on parole, Board of Pardons; membership; qualifications; vacancies; compensation; domicile; venue; meetings; quorum; panels; powers and duties; transfer of property to committee; representation of applicants before the committee; prohibitions

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D. In accordance with the provisions of this Part, the committee on parole shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) Unless as provided in Paragraph (C)(4) of this Section, to determine the time and conditions of release on parole of any offender who has been convicted...
of a felony and sentenced to imprisonment, and confined in any penal or correctional
institution in this state in accordance with R.S. 15:574.7.

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§574.7. Custody and supervision of parolees; modification or suspension of
supervision; violation of conditions of parole; sanctions; alternative
conditions; administrative sanctions

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E. Upon recommendation of the supervising parole officer and approval of
the committee on parole, the level of supervision and the fees associated with the
supervision of a parolee may be reduced after the parolee has served a minimum of
five years without a violation of the terms and conditions of parole for a crime that
is not a crime of violence as defined by R.S. 14:2(B) and a minimum of seven years
for a crime that is a crime of violence as defined by R.S. 14:2(B).

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Abstract: Authorizes a reduction in the level of supervision and fees after a parolee has
served a certain length of time.

Present law provides that when the committee on parole orders an offender released on
parole, the term shall be for the remainder of the offender's sentence, with credits for
compliance with the terms and conditions of parole supervision pursuant to present law (R.S.
15:574.6.1). Further provides that when the parolee has completed his full parole term, he
shall be discharged from parole by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections without order
by the committee, provided that:

(1) No warrant has been issued by the committee for the arrest of the parolee.

(2) No detainer has been issued by the parole officer for the detention of the parolee
pending revocation proceedings.

(3) No indictment or bill of information is pending for any felony the parolee is
suspected to have committed while on parole.

Proposed law amends present law to require the committee's determination of time and
conditions of release on parole of any offender who has been convicted of a felony and

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are additions.
sentenced to imprisonment, and confined in any penal or correctional institution in this state to be in accordance with present law (R.S. 15:574.7).

Present law (R.S. 15:574.4) requires each parolee to remain in the legal custody of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, corrections services, and requires the parolee to be subject to the order and supervision of the committee. Further provides that at the direction of the committee, the chief probation and parole officer shall be responsible for the investigation and supervision of all parolees. Authorizes the committee to modify or suspend such supervision upon a determination that a parolee who had conducted himself in accordance with the conditions of his parole no longer needs the guidance and supervision originally imposed.

Proposed law provides that upon recommendation of the supervising parole officer and approval of the committee on parole, the level of supervision and fees associated with the supervision of a parolee may be reduced after the parolee has served a minimum of five years without a violation of the terms and conditions of parole for a crime that is not a crime of violence as defined by present law (R.S. 14:2(B)) and a minimum of seven years for a crime that is a crime of violence as defined by present law.

(Amends R.S. 15:574.2(D)(1); Adds R.S. 15:574.7(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Restore present law relative to the committee's determination of time and conditions of release on parole of any offender who has been convicted of a felony and sentenced to imprisonment.

2. Relative to the custody and supervision of parolees, authorize a reduction in the level of supervision and fees after a parolee has served a certain length of time.