2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 643

BY REPRESENTATIVE JONES

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; to provide relative to a parolee on inactive status; to provide relative to the committee on parole's authority to revoke parole and reduce terms and conditions of parole; 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) Except 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.(1) 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 three 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 without a violation of the terms and conditions of parole for a crime that is a crime of violence as defined by R.S. 14:2(B).

(2) A parolee who satisfies the conditions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection may be placed on inactive status upon approval of the committee. A parolee on inactive status shall not be subject to the terms and conditions of parole under R.S. 15:574.4.2(A)(2).

(3) The committee shall maintain the authority to revoke parole as provided in this Section and R.S. 15:574.9.

(4) Nothing in this Subsection shall eliminate the committee's authority to reduce terms and conditions of parole prior to a parolee satisfying the requirements of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________________