

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2023 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to Original House Bill No. 444 by Representative Freiberg

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete the remainder of the line and insert the following:

3 "R.S. 15:574.2(C)(2)(e), 574.4(A)(4)(e), (B)(2)(a)(vi), (b)(vi), (c)(vi), and (d)(vi),"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 5, after "(J)(1)(e)(introductory paragraph)," and before "and" insert "and R.S.
6 15:574.4.2(E)"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 1, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

9 "§574.2. Committee on parole, Board of Pardons; membership; qualifications;
10 vacancies; compensation; domicile; venue; meetings; quorum; panels;
11 powers and duties; transfer of property to committee; representation of
12 applicants before the committee; prohibitions

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14 C. * * *

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16 (2) Except in cases where the offender is released pursuant to Paragraph (4)
17 of this Subsection, the committee may grant parole with two votes of a three-member
18 panel, or, if the number exceeds a three-member panel, a majority vote of those
19 present if all of the following conditions are met:

20 * * *
21 (e) The offender has obtained or completed ~~a GED credential, unless the~~
22 ~~offender has previously obtained a high school diploma or is deemed by a certified~~
23 ~~educator as being incapable of obtaining a GED credential due to a learning~~
24 ~~disability. If the offender is deemed incapable of obtaining a GED credential, the~~
25 ~~offender must complete~~ at least one of the following:

- 26 (i) a A literacy program.
27 (ii) an An adult basic education program.
28 (iii) ~~or a A~~ job skills training program.
29 (iv) A GED certification.
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31 AMENDMENT NO. 4

32 On page 4, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

33 "(d) If the person was at least fifty years of age at the time he was sentenced
34 to life imprisonment, he shall be eligible for parole consideration if all of the
35 following conditions have been met:

36 * * *
37 (vi) The person has obtained or completed ~~a GED credential, unless the~~
38 ~~prisoner has previously obtained a high school diploma or is deemed by a certified~~
39 ~~educator as being incapable of obtaining a GED credential due to a learning~~
40 ~~disability or because such programming is not available. If the prisoner is deemed~~
41 ~~incapable of obtaining a GED credential, the person shall complete~~ at least one of the
42 following:

- 1 ~~(aa) a~~ A literacy program;
- 2 ~~(bb) an~~ An adult basic education program;
- 3 ~~(cc) or a~~ A job skills training program.
- 4 ~~(dd) A~~ GED certification."

5 AMENDMENT NO. 5

6 On page 6, after line 29, insert the following:

7 "§574.4.2. Decisions of committee on parole; nature, order, and conditions of
8 parole; rules of conduct; infectious disease testing

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10 E.(1) Before the committee on parole places a person on parole, the
11 committee shall ~~determine if he has a high school diploma or its equivalent and, if~~
12 ~~he does not, the committee shall~~ condition parole upon the parolee's enrolling in or
13 ~~completion of and attending an adult education or reading program until he obtains~~
14 ~~a GED credential, or until he completes such educational programs required by the~~
15 ~~committee, and has attained a sixth grade reading level, or until his term of parole~~
16 ~~expires, whichever occurs first. All costs shall be paid by the parolee. If the~~
17 ~~committee finds that there are no adult education or reading programs in the parish~~
18 ~~in which the parolee is domiciled, the parolee is unable to afford such a program, or~~
19 ~~attendance would create an undue hardship on the parolee, the committee may~~
20 ~~suspend this condition of parole. one of the following:~~

- 21 ~~(a) A~~ literacy program.
- 22 ~~(b) An~~ adult basic education program;
- 23 ~~(c) A~~ job skills training program.
- 24 ~~(d) A~~ GED certification.

25 (2) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to those parolees who
26 ~~have already obtained a GED or high school diploma or who are mentally,~~
27 ~~physically, or by reason of age, infirmity, dyslexia, or other such learning disorders,~~
28 ~~unable to participate.~~

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