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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
03/02/2021	.	
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The Committee on Criminal Justice (Bracy) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 947.002,
Florida Statutes, to read

947.002 Intent.—

(6) The commission shall consider an inmate's institutional
achievements, lack of disciplinary report, and all indications
of the lack of risk to the public in the decision to parole an



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11 inmates from the incarceration portion of the inmate's sentence.

12 Section 2. Section 947.136, Florida Statutes, is created to
13 read:

14 947.136 Long-Term Inmate Program.-

15 (1) The commission and the department shall jointly develop
16 a long-term inmate program, housed within the department, for
17 inmates who are eligible for parole under this chapter to
18 prepare such inmates for reintegration into the community.

19 (2) The long-term inmate program shall be a voluntary
20 program that provides evidence-based programming to inmates who
21 are within 3 years of their presumptive parole release date as
22 established by the commission under s. 947.172.

23 (3) Inmates must be referred by the commission for
24 participation in the long-term inmate prior to the department
25 placing the inmate into the program. An inmate who meets the
26 following criteria may be referred by the commission for
27 placement into the long-term inmate program:

28 (a) Does not have factors, as identified in rule, which
29 would preclude placement at an institution operating a long-term
30 inmate program.

31 (b) Must be serving a parole-eligible sentence. Inmates who
32 have subsequently received a parole-ineligible sentence may be
33 considered for participation on a case-by-case basis.

34 (4) To successfully complete the long-term inmate program,
35 inmates participating must, at a minimum:

36 (a) Complete at least 250 hours of community service
37 projects, as approved by the department.

38 (b) Participate in at least 100 hours of enrichment
39 programs, as defined by rule.



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40 (c) Complete an evidence-based curriculum, as provided in
41 rule that, at a minimum, address:

- 42 1. Anger management;
43 2. Criminal thinking;
44 3. Educational and vocational needs;
45 4. Family relationships;
46 5. Lifestyle and wellness;
47 6. Substance use disorder treatment; and
48 7. Victim impact.

49 (5) Inmates participating in the long-term inmate program
50 are expected to perform their duties and assignments as
51 instructed by their assignment supervisor. Inmates who fail to
52 complete duties and assignments as instructed may be removed
53 from the program.

54 (6) Upon successful completion of the program, an inmate
55 shall be awarded a certificate of completion. Successful
56 completion of the program does not guarantee that an inmate will
57 be paroled and program participation may not extend the length
58 of the inmate's sentence.

59 (7) The commission and the department shall adopt rules as
60 necessary to implement the long-term inmate program.

61 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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63 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

64 And the title is amended as follows:

65 Delete everything before the enacting clause
66 and insert:

67 A bill to be entitled
68 An act relating to long-term inmates; amending s.



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69 947.002, F.S.; revising legislative intent concerning
70 the granting of parole; creating s. 947.136, F.S.;
71 requiring the Commission on Offender Review and the
72 Department of Corrections to jointly develop a
73 voluntary long-term inmate program; requiring the
74 program to provide evidence-based programming to
75 certain inmates; establishing eligibility for referral
76 for participation in the program; providing program
77 requirements; providing that inmates may be removed
78 from the program under certain circumstances;
79 requiring a certificate of completion upon successful
80 completion of the program; providing that successful
81 completion of the program does not guarantee parole;
82 requiring commission and the department to adopt
83 rules; providing an effective date.