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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to parole eligibility; amending s.
3 947.002, F.S.; revising legislative intent concerning
4 the granting of parole; requiring the Commission on
5 Offender Review to partner with the Department of
6 Corrections to adopt a specified program with certain
7 requirements; requiring rulemaking; providing an
8 effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 947.002, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (6) is added to that
14 section, to read:

15 947.002 Intent.—

16 (5) It is the intent of the Legislature that the decision
17 to parole an inmate from the incarceration portion of the
18 inmate's sentence is an act of discretion based on reliable
19 evidence, ~~grace of the state and parole is shall~~ not be
20 considered a right.

21 (6) The commission's primary focus should be anticipating
22 an inmate will become parole eligible. The commission should
23 focus on an inmate's institutional achievements, lack of
24 disciplinary reports, and all indications of the lack of risk to
25 the public in parole release of the inmate. The commission shall
26 partner with the department to create a lifer's program for all
27 male and female inmates eligible for parole and adopt rules
28 ensuring that the lifer's program is made equally available to
29 all inmates, both male and female. The commission shall expedite

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30 those inmates who appear to have sufficient rehabilitation
31 achievements previously attained through completion of the
32 lifer's program.

33 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.