

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to objective parole guidelines;
3 amending s. 947.165, F.S.; providing additional
4 requirements for objective parole guidelines;
5 requiring a specified statistical analysis to be
6 provided to the Legislature; providing an effective
7 date.

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

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11 **Section 1. Section 947.165, Florida Statutes, is amended**
12 **to read:**

13 947.165 Objective parole guidelines.—

14 (1) The commission shall develop and implement objective
15 parole guidelines which shall be the criteria upon which parole
16 decisions are made. The objective parole guidelines shall be
17 developed according to an acceptable research method and shall
18 be based on the seriousness of offense and the likelihood of
19 favorable parole outcome. The objective parole guidelines must
20 also incorporate an inmate's use of vocation, education, and
21 self-betterment programs and courses in the department while he
22 or she is incarcerated. The guidelines shall require the
23 commission to aggravate or aggregate each consecutive sentence
24 in establishing the presumptive parole release date. Factors
25 used in arriving at the salient factor score and the severity of

26 | offense behavior category may ~~shall~~ not be applied as
27 | aggravating circumstances. If the sentencing judge files a
28 | written objection to the parole release of an inmate as provided
29 | for in s. 947.1745(6), such objection may be used by the
30 | commission as a basis to extend the presumptive parole release
31 | date.

32 | (2) At least once a year, the commission shall review the
33 | objective parole guidelines and make any revisions considered
34 | necessary by virtue of statistical analysis of commission
35 | actions, which analysis uses acceptable research and
36 | methodology. The commission shall provide each statistical
37 | analysis to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
38 | House of Representatives upon completion.

39 | **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.