

HB 61

2026

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 by identifying an inmate's use of
20 vocation, education, and self-betterment programs and courses in
21 the department. The guidelines shall require the commission to
22 not aggravate or aggregate each consecutive sentence in
23 establishing the presumptive parole release date. Factors used
24 in arriving at the salient factor score and the severity of
25 offense behavior category may ~~shall~~ not be applied as

26 | aggravating circumstances. If the sentencing judge files a
27 | written objection to the parole release of an inmate as provided
28 | for in s. 947.1745(6), such objection may be used by the
29 | commission as a basis to extend the presumptive parole release
30 | date.

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

38 | **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.