

1-1 By: Hinojosa S.B. No. 1206  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 27, 2009; March 13, 2009, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;  
1-4 April 1, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,  
1-5 Nays 0; April 1, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the release from the Texas Department of Criminal  
1-9 Justice of certain inmates who complete a rehabilitation program.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 508.141, Government Code, is amended by  
1-12 adding Subsections (b-1), (d-1), and (d-2) and amending Subsection  
1-13 (d) to read as follows:

1-14 (b-1) If a parole panel requires, as a condition of release,  
1-15 that an inmate complete a specific department rehabilitation  
1-16 program before release, the department shall place the inmate in  
1-17 the program specified by the parole panel, except that the  
1-18 department may place the inmate in a different program with the  
1-19 approval of the parole panel.

1-20 (d) A parole panel may release an inmate on parole during  
1-21 the parole month established for the inmate, or during any  
1-22 applicable range of dates established under Subsection (d-1), if  
1-23 the panel determines that the inmate's release will not increase  
1-24 the likelihood of harm to the public.

1-25 (d-1) A parole panel that, as a condition of release,  
1-26 requires an inmate to complete a specific department rehabilitation  
1-27 program shall specify a range of dates, based on the date the inmate  
1-28 is likely to have completed the specified program, during which the  
1-29 department may release the inmate, if the inmate has:

1-30 (1) successfully completed the program specified by  
1-31 the parole panel; and

1-32 (2) satisfied all other conditions of release  
1-33 specified by the parole panel.

1-34 (d-2) The range of dates specified by the parole panel under  
1-35 Subsection (d-1) may not begin earlier than the 45th day before any  
1-36 applicable release date established for the inmate and must be a  
1-37 range of at least 30 days.

1-38 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to any  
1-39 inmate who is confined in a facility operated by or under contract  
1-40 with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on or after the  
1-41 effective date of this Act, regardless of when the inmate's period  
1-42 of confinement began.

1-43 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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