

1-1 By: Parker S.B. No. 1506  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 20, 2025; March 6, 2025,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;  
1-4 April 10, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 10, 2025,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Flores	X			
1-10	Parker	X			
1-11	Hagenbuch	X			
1-12	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			
1-13	Huffman	X			
1-14	King			X	
1-15	Miles	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1506 By: Flores

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the frequency with which the Board of Pardons and  
1-20 Paroles reconsiders inmates for release on parole.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Sections 508.141(g) and (g-1), Government Code,  
1-23 are amended to read as follows:

1-24 (g) The board shall adopt a policy establishing the date on  
1-25 which the board may reconsider for release an inmate who has  
1-26 previously been denied release. The policy must require the board  
1-27 to reconsider the inmate for release[+]

1-28 ~~[(1) an inmate serving a sentence for an offense~~  
1-29 ~~listed in Section 508.149(a) or for an offense punishable as a~~  
1-30 ~~felony of the second or third degree under Section 22.04, Penal~~  
1-31 ~~Code,] during a month designated under Subsection (g-1) by the~~  
1-32 ~~parole panel that denied release[, and~~

1-33 ~~[(2) an inmate other than an inmate described by~~  
1-34 ~~Subdivision (1) as soon as practicable after the first anniversary~~  
1-35 ~~of the date of the denial].~~

1-36 (g-1) The month designated for reconsideration ~~[under~~  
1-37 ~~Subsection (g)(1) by the parole panel that denied release] must:~~

1-38 (1) except as provided by Subdivision (2), begin after  
1-39 the first anniversary of the date of the denial and end before the  
1-40 fifth anniversary of the date of the denial; or

1-41 (2) if[, unless] the inmate is serving a sentence for  
1-42 an offense under Section 22.021, Penal Code, or a life sentence for  
1-43 a capital felony, [in which event the designated month must] begin  
1-44 after the first anniversary of the date of the denial and end before  
1-45 the 10th anniversary of the date of the denial.

1-46 SECTION 2. (a) Section 508.141, Government Code, as  
1-47 amended by this Act, applies to any inmate who is confined in a  
1-48 facility operated by or under contract with the Texas Department of  
1-49 Criminal Justice on or after the effective date of this Act,  
1-50 regardless of whether the offense for which the inmate is confined  
1-51 occurred before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

1-52 (b) The Board of Pardons and Paroles shall adopt a policy  
1-53 consistent with Section 508.141, Government Code, as amended by  
1-54 this Act, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this  
1-55 Act.

1-56 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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