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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Criminal Justice (Bracy) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 947.002,  
Florida Statutes, to read

947.002 Intent.—

(6) The commission shall consider an inmate's institutional  
achievements, lack of disciplinary report, and all indications  
of the lack of risk to the public in the decision to parole an



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11 inmates from the incarceration portion of the inmate's sentence.

12 Section 2. Section 947.136, Florida Statutes, is created to  
13 read:

14 947.136 Long-Term Inmate Program.-

15 (1) The commission and the department shall jointly develop  
16 a long-term inmate program, housed within the department, for  
17 inmates who are eligible for parole under this chapter to  
18 prepare such inmates for reintegration into the community.

19 (2) The long-term inmate program shall be a voluntary  
20 program that provides evidence-based programming to inmates who  
21 are within 3 years of their presumptive parole release date as  
22 established by the commission under s. 947.172.

23 (3) Inmates must be referred by the commission for  
24 participation in the long-term inmate prior to the department  
25 placing the inmate into the program. An inmate who meets the  
26 following criteria may be referred by the commission for  
27 placement into the long-term inmate program:

28 (a) Does not have factors, as identified in rule, which  
29 would preclude placement at an institution operating a long-term  
30 inmate program.

31 (b) Must be serving a parole-eligible sentence. Inmates who  
32 have subsequently received a parole-ineligible sentence may be  
33 considered for participation on a case-by-case basis.

34 (4) To successfully complete the long-term inmate program,  
35 inmates participating must, at a minimum:

36 (a) Complete at least 250 hours of community service  
37 projects, as approved by the department.

38 (b) Participate in at least 100 hours of enrichment  
39 programs, as defined by rule.



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40 (c) Complete an evidence-based curriculum, as provided in  
41 rule that, at a minimum, address:

- 42 1. Anger management;  
43 2. Criminal thinking;  
44 3. Educational and vocational needs;  
45 4. Family relationships;  
46 5. Lifestyle and wellness;  
47 6. Substance use disorder treatment; and  
48 7. Victim impact.

49 (5) Inmates participating in the long-term inmate program  
50 are expected to perform their duties and assignments as  
51 instructed by their assignment supervisor. Inmates who fail to  
52 complete duties and assignments as instructed may be removed  
53 from the program.

54 (6) Upon successful completion of the program, an inmate  
55 shall be awarded a certificate of completion. Successful  
56 completion of the program does not guarantee that an inmate will  
57 be paroled and program participation may not extend the length  
58 of the inmate's sentence.

59 (7) The commission and the department shall adopt rules as  
60 necessary to implement the long-term inmate program.

61 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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63 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

64 And the title is amended as follows:

65 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
66 and insert:

67 A bill to be entitled  
68 An act relating to long-term inmates; amending s.



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69 947.002, F.S.; revising legislative intent concerning  
70 the granting of parole; creating s. 947.136, F.S.;  
71 requiring the Commission on Offender Review and the  
72 Department of Corrections to jointly develop a  
73 voluntary long-term inmate program; requiring the  
74 program to provide evidence-based programming to  
75 certain inmates; establishing eligibility for referral  
76 for participation in the program; providing program  
77 requirements; providing that inmates may be removed  
78 from the program under certain circumstances;  
79 requiring a certificate of completion upon successful  
80 completion of the program; providing that successful  
81 completion of the program does not guarantee parole;  
82 requiring commission and the department to adopt  
83 rules; providing an effective date.