

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to parole eligibility; amending s.  
 3           947.002, F.S.; revising legislative intent concerning  
 4           the grant of parole; requiring the Commission on  
 5           Offender Review to adopt a specified program with  
 6           certain requirements; providing an effective date.

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

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 10           Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 947.002, Florida  
 11   Statutes, is amended and subsection (6) is added to that section  
 12   to read:

13           947.002 Intent.—

14           (5) It is the intent of the Legislature that the decision  
 15   to parole an inmate from the incarceration portion of the  
 16   inmate's sentence is an act of discretion based on reliable  
 17   evidence ~~grace of the state~~ and parole is ~~shall not be~~  
 18   considered a right.

19           (6) The commission's primary focus should be anticipating  
 20   an inmate will be parole eligible. The commission should focus  
 21   on an inmate's institutional achievements, lack of disciplinary  
 22   report, and all indications of the lack of risk to the public in  
 23   parole release of the inmate. The commission shall partner with  
 24   the department to create a lifer's program for all male and  
 25   female inmates eligible for parole and adopt rules ensuring that

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26 | the lifer's program is made equally to all inmates, both male  
27 | and female. The commission shall expedite those inmates who  
28 | appear to have sufficient rehabilitation achievements previously  
29 | attained through completion in the lifer's program.

30 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.