

By Senator Bernard

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to parole; amending s. 947.165, F.S.;
requiring the Florida Commission on Offender Review to
provide a specified statistical analysis to the
Legislature; amending s. 947.174, F.S.; requiring the
Department of Corrections to provide specified
information to the commission; requiring the
commission to review specified information in certain
circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 947.165, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

947.165 Objective parole guidelines.—

(2) At least once a year, the commission shall review the
objective parole guidelines and make any revisions considered
necessary by virtue of statistical analysis of commission
actions, which analysis uses acceptable research and
methodology. Upon completion of the review, the commission shall
provide the statistical analysis to the President of the Senate
and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 947.174, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

947.174 Subsequent interviews.—

(3) The department shall, within a reasonable amount of
time, make available and bring to the attention of the
commission such information as is deemed important to the review
of the presumptive parole release date, including, but not

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limited to, current progress reports, psychological reports, and disciplinary reports, as well as information regarding an inmate's use of vocational training, substance abuse treatment, educational programs, and other self-betterment programs. The commission shall review such information in determining whether to modify an inmate's presumptive parole release date.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.