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 granting of parole; creating s. 947.136, F.S.; 5 requiring the Florida Commission on Offender Review 6 and the Department of Corrections to jointly 7 administer a voluntary long-term inmate program using 8 existing resources; requiring the program to provide 9 evidence-based programming to certain inmates; establishing eligibility for referral for 10 11 participation in the program; providing program requirements; providing that inmates may be removed 12 13 from the program under certain circumstances; requiring a certificate of completion upon successful 14 15 completion of the program; providing that successful 16 completion of the program does not quarantee parole; 17 requiring rulemaking; providing an effective date. 18 19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 20 21 Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 947.002, 22 Florida Statutes, to read: 23 947.002 Intent.-24 The commission shall consider an inmate's institutional achievements, disciplinary report, and all 25

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indications of risk to the public in the decision to parole an
inmate from the incarceration portion of the inmate's sentence.

Section 2. Section 947.136, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:
 947.136 Long-term inmate program.—

- (1) The commission and the department shall use existing resources to jointly administer a long-term inmate program, housed within the department, for inmates who are eligible for
- parole under this chapter to prepare such inmates for reintegration into the community.

- (2) The long-term inmate program is a voluntary program that provides evidence-based programming to inmates who are within 3 years of their presumptive parole release date as established by the commission under s. 947.172.
- (3) Inmates must be referred by the commission for participation in the long-term inmate program before the department places the inmate into the program. An inmate who meets all of the following criteria may be referred by the commission for placement into the long-term inmate program:
- (a) Does not have factors, as identified in rule, that would preclude placement at an institution operating a long-term inmate program.
- (b) Must be serving a parole-eligible sentence. Inmates serving a parole-eligible sentence who are also serving a parole-ineligible sentence may be considered for participation

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51	in the long-term inmate program on a case-by-case basis.
52	Priority for participation in the long-term inmate program shall
53	be given to inmates serving only parole-eligible sentences.
54	(4) To successfully complete the long-term inmate program,
55	inmates participating in the program must, at a minimum:
56	(a) Complete at least 250 hours of community service
57	projects, as approved by the department.
8 6	(b) Participate in at least 100 hours of enrichment
59	programs, as defined by rule.
50	(c) Complete an evidence-based curriculum as provided in
51	rule that, at a minimum, addresses:
52	1. Anger management.
53	2. Criminal thinking.
54	3. Educational and vocational needs.
55	4. Family relationships.
56	5. Lifestyle and wellness.
57	6. Substance use disorder treatment.
8 6	7. Victim impact.
59	(5) Inmates participating in the long-term inmate program
70	are expected to perform their duties and assignments as
71	instructed by their assignment supervisor. Inmates who fail to
72	complete duties and assignments as instructed may be removed
73	from the program.
7 4	(6) Upon successful completion of the long-term inmate
7 5	program, an inmate shall be awarded a certificate of completion.

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- (7) The commission and the department shall adopt rules as necessary to implement the long-term inmate program.
 - Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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