

AN ACT

relating to establishing parole officer maximum caseloads.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 508, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 508.1142 to read as follows:

Sec. 508.1142. PAROLE OFFICER MAXIMUM CASELOADS. (a) The department shall adopt a policy that establishes guidelines for a maximum caseload for each parole officer of:

(1) 60 active releasees, if the releasees are not in a specialized program described by Subdivisions (2)-(6);

(2) 35 active releasees, if the releasees are in the special needs offender program;

(3) 35 active releasees, if the releasees are in the therapeutic community substance abuse aftercare treatment program;

(4) 24 active releasees, if the releasees are in the sex offender program;

(5) 20 active releasees, if the releasees are electronically monitored; and

(6) 11 active releasees, if the releasees are in the super-intensive supervision program.

(b) If the department is unable to meet the maximum caseload guidelines, the department shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board, at the end of each fiscal year in which the department fails to meet the guidelines, stating the amount of money needed by

1 the department to meet the guidelines.

2 SECTION 2. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall
3 adopt the policy establishing guidelines for maximum caseloads, as
4 required by Section 508.1142, Government Code, as added by this
5 Act, not later than September 1, 2007.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3736 was passed by the House on May 11, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3736 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor