1   AN ACT

2   relating to establishing parole officer maximum caseloads.

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

4   SECTION 1.   Subchapter D, Chapter 508, Government Code, is

5   amended by adding Section 508.1142 to read as follows:

6   Sec. 508.1142.   PAROLE OFFICER MAXIMUM CASELOADS.   (a) The

7   department shall adopt a policy that establishes guidelines for a

8   maximum caseload for each parole officer of:

9   (1)   60 active releasees, if the releasees are not in a

10   specialized program described by Subdivisions (2)-(6);

11   (2)   35 active releasees, if the releasees are in the

12   special needs offender program;

13   (3)   35 active releasees, if the releasees are in the

14   therapeutic community substance abuse aftercare treatment program;

15   (4)   24 active releasees, if the releasees are in the

16   sex offender program;

17   (5)   20 active releasees, if the releasees are

18   electronically monitored; and

19   (6)   11 active releasees, if the releasees are in the

20   super-intensive supervision program.

21   (b)   If the department is unable to meet the maximum caseload

22   guidelines, the department shall submit a report to the Legislative

23   Budget Board, at the end of each fiscal year in which the department

24   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.

H.B. No. 3736

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President of the Senate

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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.

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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.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

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Governor

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MESSAGE

House Bill No. 3736 requires a study by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) of parole officer caseloads. This study was previously conducted by the Legislature. The bill sets out specific caseloads for each form of supervision that TDCJ must review for fiscal impact to show why they are not hitting the target caseload numbers. The Legislature should now determine whether they are willing to fund the target caseloads.
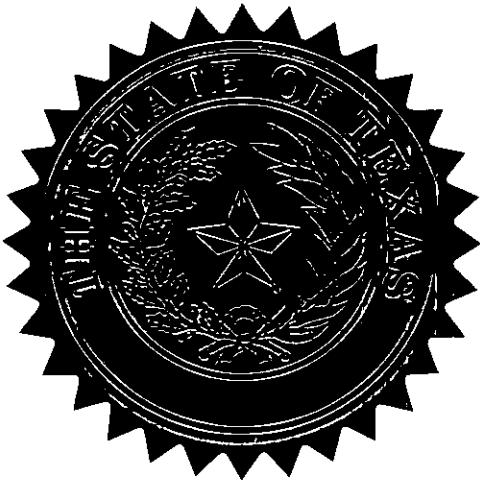
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 15th day of June, 2007.

RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

ROGER WILLIAMS
Secretary of State

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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