

Information regarding Incarcerated Illegal Criminal Aliens in Texas Prisons

The Board of Pardons and Paroles continues to meet with officials of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) and the U.S Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to appropriately implement HB 2734, passed during the 82nd Texas Legislative Session. This bill intends to have the Board require illegal criminal aliens incarcerated in Texas prisons to leave the United States if granted parole release when they are legally eligible for parole release under the normal parole review process that currently exists for all incarcerated felons. The BPP continues to be concerned that many of the foreign born offenders in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice do not have final orders of deportation at the time of their parole review, but ICE has assured us they are working on that issue.

THERE IS NO APPLICATION PROCESS FOR INCARCERATED ILLEGAL CRIMINAL ALIENS TO APPLY FOR PAROLE RELEASE CONSIDERATION AND NO REQUESTS FOR PAROLE BASED ON THIS LEGISLATION WILL CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD NOW OR IN THE FUTURE. When implemented this law will be just an additional required condition of supervision for those offenders with ICE detainers in effect at the time of their release.