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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. –. On Wednesday Sept. 22, 2021, **State Representative Dianne Hart** filed [House Bill 169](#) “Parole Eligibility” and [House Bill 171](#) “Criminal Rehabilitation.” **HB 169** requires the Commission on Offender Review and Department of Corrections to jointly develop voluntary long-term inmate program and establishes eligibility guidelines for parole. **HB 171** specifies that rehabilitating offenders to transition back into the community successfully is one of primary purposes of sentencing this bill also incentives the completion of educational programs to earn “rehabilitation credits.”

Representative Dianne Hart issued the following statement:

“I am proud to once again sponsor these two important pieces of legislation. Florida’s criminal justice system is in need of major overhaul, the evidence of this was seen recently with the closing of three correctional facilities due to understaffing issues in the agency. These bills if made law will save the state money that can be used to not only improve the quality of life for those housed in our facilities, but help us to retain staff.”

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