

Texas needs more Compassionate Release

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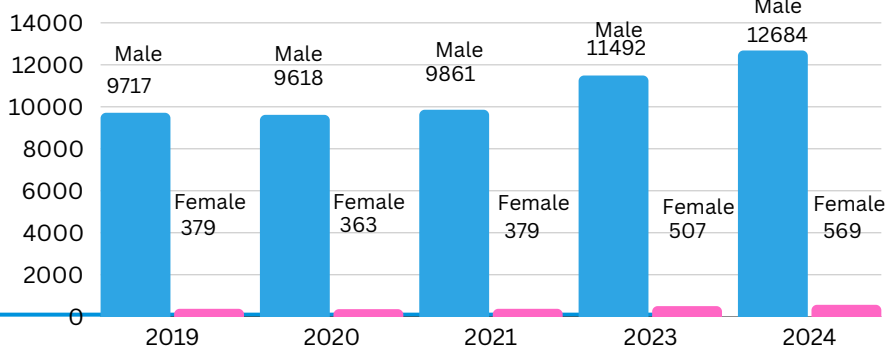


Key Message:

Texas is a highly punitive state, and compassion for the terminally ill, who are no danger to society, is of little consideration. Texas Prisons are full of people in high-risk categories, such as; the rapidly growing aging population, those with disabilities, and those with chronic health issues.



Incarcerated Citizens over 60 yrs. old



The state spent over \$750 million on prison health care during the 2019 fiscal year, a 53% increase from seven years earlier, when that cost was less than \$500 million.

The main reason, according to experts and officials: an older, sicker prison population. Texas Tribune (2019) TDCJ Statistical report

What is Compassionate Release?

Compassionate release is a process by which the incarcerated may be eligible for immediate early release on the grounds of "particularly extraordinary or compelling circumstances which could not reasonably have been foreseen by the court at the time of sentencing."

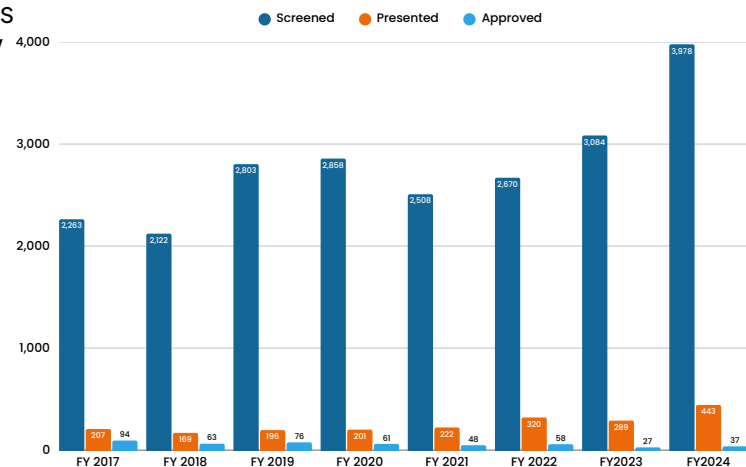
The problem

Although every year, thousands of terminally ill incarcerated Texas citizens apply to the Board of Pardons and Paroles for compassionate release, a ridiculously low amount is approved.

"The number of incarcerated persons ages 55 and older is steadily increasing and accounts for over one-half of the system's hospitalization costs.

Terminally ill and elderly people are not a threat to public safety, and TDCJ is ill-equipped to care for them properly. People 50-64 have a less than 5% recidivism rate, over 65 yrs. old has less than 1%. Keeping the elderly and terminally ill incarcerated is inhumane and costly.

MRIS Considerations and Approval Rates History FY 2017 - FY 2024



PLEASE SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT EXPANDS COMPASSIONATE RELEASE IN TEXAS

SB 2756 Sen. Cook

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