

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

**HB 457**

**2025 Regular Session**

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CORRECTIONS/PRISONERS: Provides relative to solitary confinement

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Adds educational materials as items that shall be made available to a prisoner who is placed in solitary confinement unless the governing authority of the penal or correctional institution determines otherwise.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law (R.S. 15:865) provides for a prohibition on the use of solitary confinement, except in certain circumstances.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that any prisoner in a penal or correctional institution who is placed into solitary confinement shall be provided access to all educational training and materials or religious materials he would otherwise have access to in the least restrictive housing available at the institution unless the governing authority of the penal or correctional institution, or its designee, determines any of the following:

- (1) Access to the educational training and materials or religious materials presents a security risk.
- (2) Access to the educational training and materials or religious materials is not feasible due to the nature of the program, training, or materials.
- (3) Circumstances exist pertaining to the reason for the prisoner's placement in solitary confinement that are incongruous with access to the educational training and materials or religious materials.

Proposed law defines the term "educational training".

(Adds R.S. 15:865(D) and (E))