

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 84

BY REPRESENTATIVE HAVARD

PUBLIC SFTY/DEPARTMENT: Provides relative to the authorized uses of inmate labor

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:832.1(A)(1), relative to work by inmates at penal or  
3 correctional facilities; to authorize the use of inmates for certain construction  
4 projects at administrative buildings or other facilities that provide management and  
5 support services to penal or correctional facilities; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 15:832.1(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §832.1. Work by inmates; construction, renovation, custodial, maintenance, or  
9 repairs; exemptions

10 A.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the  
11 governor, upon determining that it is appropriate and in furtherance of the  
12 rehabilitation and training of inmates, may, by executive order, authorize the use of  
13 inmates of a penal or correctional facility owned by the state of Louisiana for  
14 necessary labor in connection with a particular capital construction project on the  
15 grounds of the facility, when the estimated cost of the project or work, exclusive of  
16 labor costs, does not exceed two hundred thousand dollars for any new construction,  
17 or when the project involves renovation, maintenance, repair, or remodeling work  
18 on the grounds of the facility. Additionally the governor may authorize by executive  
19 order the use of inmates to perform custodial services on state grounds and buildings.

20 For purposes of this Section, "penal or correctional facility" shall mean any location

1 at which inmates are housed on a permanent basis and any administrative building  
2 or facility which provides management or support services to the penal or  
3 correctional facility, including the headquarters of the Department of Public Safety  
4 and Corrections.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the use of inmates to perform necessary labor for certain construction projects at any administrative building or facility which provides management or support services to penal or correctional facilities.

Present law authorizes the governor, upon determining that it is appropriate and in furtherance of the rehabilitation and training of inmates, may, by executive order, authorize the use of inmates of a penal or correctional facility owned by the state of Louisiana for necessary labor in connection with a particular capital construction project on the grounds of the facility, when certain cost requirements are met.

For purposes of present law, "penal or correctional facility" means any location at which inmates are housed on a permanent basis.

Proposed law retains present law but extends the governor's authority to authorize the use of inmates to perform necessary labor for certain projects at any administrative building or facility which provides management or support services to the penal or correctional facility, including the headquarters of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

(Amends R.S. 15:832.1(A)(1))