

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 817

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:827(A)(8), relative to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; to
3 provide for the collection of data and information relative to inmates participating
4 in any program that offers the inmate compensation for services or work performed,
5 on-the-job training, or industry certification; to require the Department of Public
6 Safety and Corrections to annually report the information and data collected to the
7 legislature; to provide for the information to be collected and reported; to authorize
8 the department to adopt any rules or regulations necessary to establish the system for
9 collecting and reporting the information and data; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 15:827(A)(8) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §827. Duties of Department of Public Safety and Corrections

13 A. In addition to other duties imposed upon the department it shall be the
14 duty of the department to:

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16 (8)(a) Establish a system to collect information and data on inmates
17 participating in any program that offers the inmate compensation for services or
18 work performed, on-the-job training, or industry certification, including but not
19 limited to information and data for all of the following: inmates assigned to Prison
20 Enterprises' industrial, agricultural, service, or other programs; inmates who are
21 Certified Academic Tutors and Certified Vocational Tutors; inmates assigned to a
22 certified Private Sector/Prison Industry Enhancement program; inmates participating
23 in a work release program established and administered by a sheriff; inmates

1 participating in the work release program established and administered by the
2 Department of Public Safety and Corrections; and inmates participating in a program
3 established and administered pursuant to the Reentry Advisory Council and Offender
4 Rehabilitation Workforce Development Act.

5 (b) The department shall annually report to the legislature, by July first of
6 each year, the information and data collected pursuant to Subparagraph (a) of this
7 Paragraph.

8 (c) The information and data collected and reported pursuant to this
9 Paragraph shall include but not be limited to the following: the number of inmates
10 participating in each program, the rate of compensation and the amount of each
11 inmate's wages, the amount deducted from the wages of each inmate, the maximum
12 number of inmates that can participate in each program, the number of inmates that
13 receive industry certification or credentials for participating in a program, and the
14 cost of obtaining training or certification by the inmate. The information shall also
15 include the amount of funds deposited into and disbursed from the Department of
16 Public Safety and Corrections, Prison Enterprises Fund.

17 (d) The department may adopt any regulation or rule necessary to implement
18 the provisions of this Paragraph. Any rule adopted pursuant to the provisions of this
19 Subparagraph shall be promulgated in accordance with the Administrative Procedure
20 Act.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____