

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 251

2024 Regular Session

Barrow

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES. Provides relative to educational programs provided by correctional facilities. (gov sig)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Makes technical change.
2. Adds \$2 per day incentive to operators of a parish jail offering programming that meets the requirements of GED training program.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

DIGEST

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Present law provides that the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections must establish programs of classification and diagnosis, education, casework, counseling, and psychotherapy, vocational training and guidance, work, library, and religious services, and such other rehabilitation programs as are consistent with available resources.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that, at minimum, each Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections adult detention facility must offer a General Education Development (GED) test training program and at least one vocational training program as optional programs for inmates.

Proposed law provides that a Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections adult detention facility may comply with proposed law if it participates in the Prison Rehabilitation Pilot Program, the Transitional Residential Pilot Program, or a regional reentry program that provides both services.

Proposed law provides that beginning on July 1, 2025, the department shall pay \$2/day to each parish sheriff, or to the governing authority of those parishes in which the governing authority operates the parish jail, if the sheriff or parish offers programming that meets the requirements for a GED training program.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 15:828(A)(3))

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