

SENATE BILL NO. 251

BY SENATORS BARROW, BOUIE, CARTER, FIELDS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, MILLER, MIZELL, MORRIS, PRICE AND STINE AND REPRESENTATIVES BOYD, CHASSION, FREIBERG, HUGHES, KNOX, MANDIE LANDRY, LARVADAIN, MENA, NEWELL, TAYLOR, THOMPSON AND WILLARD

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:828(A)(3), relative to inmate classification and treatment programs; to
3 provide relative to educational programs provided to persons committed to and in the
4 physical custody of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; to provide that
5 adult detention facilities offer certain mandatory educational opportunities; and to
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 15:828(A)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §828. Classification and treatment programs; qualified sex offender programs;
10 reports; earned credits

11 A. * * *

12 **(3)(a) All Department of Public Safety and Corrections adult detention**
13 **facilities shall offer both a General Education Development (GED) test training**
14 **program and at least one vocational training program as an option for inmates.**
15 **Participation in the Prison Rehabilitation Pilot Program, the Transitional**
16 **Residential Pilot Program, or a regional reentry program shall satisfy this**
17 **requirement if those programs provide both a GED training program and a**
18 **vocational training program.**

19 **(b) Beginning on July 1, 2025, the department shall pay the sum of two**
20 **dollars per day to each parish sheriff, or to the governing authority of those**
21 **parishes in which the governing authority operates the parish jail, if the sheriff**
22 **or parish offers programming that meets the requirements for a General**
23 **Education Development (GED) training program.**

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____