
DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the Transitional Residential Pilot Program for female offenders.

Proposed law authorizes the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to create the Transitional Residential Pilot Program for female offenders, subject to the availability of funds and appropriate resources.

Proposed law authorizes the secretary of the department to transfer a female offender eligible for the Transitional Residential Pilot Program as long as the transfer is in accordance with the custody level, security, supervision, and restrictions on movement established by the department to carry out the function and purpose of such transitional residential program and to provide a safe, structured, and supervised transitional environment.

Proposed law provides that a female offender is eligible for consideration for the program if all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The offender is willing to participate in the program.
- (2) The offender has no convictions of a sex offense.
- (3) The offender is within two years of their projected release date.
- (4) The offender has not committed any major disciplinary offenses in the two years prior to their release date.
- (5) The offenders has obtained a low-risk level designation determined by a validated risk-assessment instrument and has received approval from the warden for participation in the program.

Proposed law provides that the pilot program shall conclude on Aug. 1, 2024, unless the legislature extends the date or establishes a similar program prior to that date.

Proposed law further provides that implementation of the program is subject to appropriation.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

(Adds R.S. 15:828.4)