

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law (R.S. 15:865) provides for a prohibition on the use of solitary confinement, except in certain circumstances.

New law retains existing law.

New law provides that any prisoner in a penal or correctional institution who is placed into solitary confinement shall be provided access to all educational training and materials or religious materials he would otherwise have access to in the least restrictive housing available at the institution unless the governing authority of the penal or correctional institution, or its designee, determines any of the following:

- (1) Access to the educational training and materials or religious materials presents a security risk.
- (2) Access to the educational training and materials or religious materials is not feasible due to the nature of the program, training, or materials.
- (3) Circumstances exist pertaining to the reason for the prisoner's placement in solitary confinement that are incongruous with access to the educational training and materials or religious materials.

New law defines the term "educational training".

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 15:865(D) and (E))