

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 59

BY REPRESENTATIVE HONORE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CRIMINAL/SENTENCING: Increases the total number of credits that may be earned by an offender for participation in certified treatment and rehabilitation programs

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:828(B), relative to diminution of sentence; to provide relative  
3 to diminution of sentence for participation in certified treatment and rehabilitation  
4 programs; to increase the total number of credits that may be earned by an offender  
5 for participation in certified treatment and rehabilitation programs; and to provide  
6 for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 15:828(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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

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12 B. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations for local jail facilities and  
13 state correctional institutions to encourage voluntary participation by inmates in  
14 certified treatment and rehabilitation programs, including but not limited to basic  
15 education, job skills training, values development and faith-based initiatives,  
16 therapeutic programs, and treatment programs. When funds are provided, such  
17 educational programs shall be available at each penal or correctional institution  
18 under the jurisdiction of the department. The rules and regulations may include  
19 provisions for furloughs or the awarding of earned credits toward the reduction of  
20 the projected good time parole supervision date. Offenders may be awarded up to

1           ninety days toward the reduction of the projected good time parole supervision date  
2           for satisfactory participation in each approved program pursuant to the provisions of  
3           this Subsection, but no offender shall receive more than ~~two hundred fifty three~~  
4           hundred sixty days total earned credits toward the reduction of the projected good  
5           time parole supervision date for program participation.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Increases the total number of credits that may be earned by an offender for participation in certified treatment or rehabilitation programs.

Present law provides that an offender may be awarded up to 90 days toward the reduction of the projected good time parole supervision date for satisfactory participation in certified treatment or rehabilitation programs, but no offender shall receive more than 250 days total earned credits for program participation.

Proposed law increases the total number of credits that may be earned by an individual offender for participation in such programs from 250 days to 360 days.

(Amends R.S. 15:828(B))