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HOUSE BILL NO. 444

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CORRECTIONS: Provides limitations on the number of inmates participating in work release programs

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:711(A) and to enact R.S. 15:1111.1, relative to work release
3 programs; to provide limitations on inmates who can participate in certain work
4 release programs; to provide for the adoption of rules establishing the maximum
5 capacity of work release participants for each correctional facility; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 15:711(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 15:1111.1 is
9 hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §711. Work release program

11 A. The sheriff of each parish, and in Orleans Parish, the criminal sheriff, is
12 hereby authorized to establish and administer a work release program for inmates
13 who are residents of the parish within his jurisdiction, or an adjoining parish, and
14 who are sentenced to confinement in ~~of~~ any jail or prison ~~under his~~ located in that
15 jurisdiction. In the event that the inmate is confined to a parish correctional facility
16 not operated by the sheriff, then the superintendent of the correctional facility is
17 hereby authorized to establish and administer a work release program for inmates of
18 the correctional facility under his jurisdiction, and where the word sheriff is used
19 herein it shall also mean superintendent of the correctional facility wherein the
20 inmate is confined.

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1 §1111.1. Work release programs; rules; limitations

2 A. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall adopt rules to
 3 provide for establishment of the maximum capacity of inmates to be placed on work
 4 release at each correctional facility throughout the state.

5 B. The department shall take into consideration the following factors in
 6 developing the rules:

7 (1) The population of the parish where the correctional facility is located.

8 (2) Likelihood of successful job placement and opportunity upon completion
 9 of work release and release from incarceration.

10 (3) The availability of training facilities, instructors, and the number of
 11 inmates eligible to participate in work release programs.

12 (4) The financial stability, business integrity, and other economic factors of
 13 the community where the correctional facility is located.

14 (5) The economic feasibility of the operation of the work release program.

15 (6) Any other criteria deemed relevant by the department.

16 (7) The reduction in recidivism by participation in the program.

17 C. The department shall adopt the rules provided for by this Section in
 18 consultation with the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement.

DIGEST

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HB No. 444

Abstract: Provides for limitation on work release programs and establishment of the maximum capacity of work release participants for each correctional facility.

Present law provides for work release programs administered by sheriffs and DPS&C.

Proposed law retains the provisions of present law and provides that work release inmates participating in sheriff's work release shall be residents of the parish within his jurisdiction, or an adjoining parish.

Proposed law provides that DPS&C shall adopt rules to provide for establishment of the maximum capacity of inmates to be placed on work release at each correctional facility throughout the state.

Proposed law further provides that the department shall take into consideration the following factors in developing the rules:

- (1) The population of the parish where the correctional facility is located.
- (2) Likelihood of successful job placement and opportunity upon completion of work release and release from incarceration.
- (3) The availability of training facilities, instructors, and the number of inmates eligible to participate in work release programs.
- (4) The financial stability, business integrity, and other economic factors of the community where the correctional facility is located.
- (5) The economic feasibility of the operation of the work release program.
- (6) Any other criteria deemed relevant by the department.
- (7) The reduction in recidivism by participation in the program.

Proposed law further provides that the department shall adopt the rules provided for by proposed law in consultation with the La. Commission on Law Enforcement.

(Amends R.S. 15:711(A); Adds R.S. 15:1111.1)