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HOUSE BILL NO. 665

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CORRECTIONS: Provides for earning of additional good time for participation in certain programs

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 15:828(B), relative to certified treatment and rehabilitation
3	programs for persons in the custody of the Department of Public Safety and
4	Corrections; to increase the amount of good time which may be awarded for
5	participation in certain programs; to increase the maximum amount of credit which
6	can be earned by participation in such programs; and to provide 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

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1	ninety one hundred eighty days toward the reduction of the projected good time
2	parole supervision date for satisfactory participation in each approved program
3	pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection, but no No offender shall receive more
4	than two hundred fifty five hundred days or the amount of days equal to one-fifth of
5	the length of the sentence being served total earned credits toward the reduction of
6	the projected good time parole supervision date for program participation, whichever
7	is greater.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the amount of good time credit which can be earned and the maximum amount of good time credit which can be earned for participation in certain educational and rehabilitation programs.

<u>Present law</u> requires the secretary to adopt rules and regulations for local jail facilities and state correctional institutions to encourage voluntary participation by inmates in certified treatment and rehabilitation programs, including but not limited to basic education, job skills training, values development and faith-based initiatives, therapeutic programs, and treatment programs.

<u>Present law</u> further provides that offenders may be awarded up to 90 days toward the reduction of the projected good time parole supervision date for satisfactory participation in each approved program.

Proposed law increases this amount from 90 days to 180 days.

<u>Present law</u> provides a maximum of 250 days that can be earned for participation in an approved program.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases this amount from 250 days to 500 days or an amount equal to 1/5 of the length of the sentence being served whichever is greater.

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