
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 336—ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS

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Referred to Committee on Corrections,
Parole, and Probation

SUMMARY—Establishes provisions governing certain offenders who are veterans. (BDR 16-1151)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to corrections; requiring wardens of certain prisons and the Director of the Department of Corrections to provide certain programs of educational development and workforce development for offenders who are veterans; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 This bill requires the warden of certain prisons to: (1) determine and report to
2 the Director of the Department of Corrections certain information regarding the
3 educational needs and vocational skills of offenders who are veterans; and (2)
4 establish, improve and expand programs of educational development and workforce
5 development to more effectively serve those offenders. This bill also requires the
6 Director to align offenders who are veterans with educational needs and vocational
7 skills with compatible programs of educational development and workforce
8 development.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 209 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. The warden of each institution shall:*
4 *(a) Determine the number of offenders in that institution who*
5 *are veterans and the educational needs and vocational skills of*
6 *those veterans.*



1 ***(b) Submit to the Director an annual report of the information***
2 ***determined pursuant to paragraph (a).***

3 ***(c) In coordination with the Director, evaluate and implement***
4 ***improvements or expansions in the programs of educational***
5 ***development and workforce development which are operated in***
6 ***the institution to more effectively serve offenders who are***
7 ***veterans.***

8 ***2. The Director shall:***

9 ***(a) Determine how the Department can best consolidate the***
10 ***population of veterans in institutions as reported by wardens***
11 ***pursuant to subsection 1 to make available as many programs of***
12 ***educational development and workforce development as***
13 ***reasonably possible.***

14 ***(b) Assess the educational needs and vocational skills of***
15 ***veterans in institutions as reported by wardens pursuant to***
16 ***subsection 1 and align the veterans who possess those needs and***
17 ***skills with compatible programs of educational development and***
18 ***workforce development which are operated in institutions.***

19 ***3. As used in this section:***

20 ***(a) "Program of educational development" means a program***
21 ***in which an offender who is a veteran may obtain a high school***
22 ***diploma, a general educational development certificate or an***
23 ***equivalent document and includes, without limitation, instruction***
24 ***in civics, life skills and the management of stress.***

25 ***(b) "Program of workforce development" means a program***
26 ***that focuses on skills which an offender who is a veteran can use***
27 ***to obtain employment and earn wages upon release, including,***
28 ***without limitation:***

29 ***(1) Automotive repair;***

30 ***(2) Carpentry;***

31 ***(3) Food preparation;***

32 ***(4) The care and training of animals, including, without***
33 ***limitation, service animals;***

34 ***(5) The restoration of motor vehicles; and***

35 ***(6) Welding.***

36 ***(c) "Veteran" means a person who has served in the Armed***
37 ***Forces of the United States, a reserve component thereof or the***
38 ***National Guard and has been discharged or released therefrom.***

39 ***Sec. 2.*** 1. If an institution does not have a program of
40 educational development and a program of workforce development
41 as of July 1, 2017, the warden of the institution shall establish a
42 program of educational development, a program of workforce
43 development, or both, as required, not later than July 1, 2018.

44 2. As used in this section:

45 (a) "Institution" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 209.071.



- 1 (b) "Program of educational development" has the meaning
2 ascribed to it in section 1 of this act.
3 (c) "Program of workforce development" has the meaning
4 ascribed to it in section 1 of this act.
5 (d) "Warden" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 209.085.
6 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

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