



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 346

HOUSE BILL NO. 1324

**By Representatives Sanderson, Eldridge, Hardaway, Daniel, Thompson**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 904**

**By Senators Southerland, Gresham**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 41; Title 49; Title 50; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to vocational rehabilitation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-2-145, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

( ) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a county sheriff may create an inmate reentry education program. The successful completion of a reentry education program may allow an inmate to qualify for an educational sentence reduction credit of sixty (60) days if the inmate successfully receives a high school equivalency credential, high school diploma, vocational education diploma, or other postsecondary or industry-recognized certification. No credit will be given for any credential, diploma, degree, or certification unless the course of study, including the institution or entity through which the credential, diploma, degree, or certification is offered, has received the prior approval of the department of correction.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 24, 2019



GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR