

SENATE BILL 1898

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40;
Title 41; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to reentry
support services for criminal offenders.

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

SECTION 1. The commissioner of correction is directed to study and evaluate the effectiveness of the orientation for inmates concerning post-release issues conducted by the department of correction pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-505. The commissioner shall assess the impact of the program on the ability of released inmates to secure employment, housing, food, health care, education and training, reinstatement of licenses and voting, and to access other beneficial social services. The commissioner shall report the findings and any recommendations from the study to the judiciary committee of the senate and the criminal justice committee of the house of representatives on or before January 15, 2015.

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