By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Taddeo

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Correctional Education Program; amending s. 944.801, F.S.; requiring the Correctional Education Program under the Department of Corrections to develop and implement a plan, in coordination with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation or the applicable board, to ensure an inmate receives credit for towards licensure if certain criteria is met; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Paragraph (m) is added to subsection (3) of section 944.801, Florida Statutes, to read:

944.801 Education for state prisoners.-

- (3) The responsibilities of the Correctional Education Program shall be to:
- (m) Develop and implement a plan, in coordination with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation or the applicable board, to ensure that inmates at an institution who take classes which meet the necessary curriculum requirements as determined by applicable law for a profession regulated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation or the applicable board will receive credit towards licensure requirements for the successful completion of those classes.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.