

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to education and employment incentives
3 for probationers; amending s. 948.05, F.S.; requiring
4 the Department of Corrections to reduce a
5 probationer's supervision term by a specified amount
6 for completing an educational advancement activity;
7 providing definitions; requiring the department to
8 reduce a probationer's supervision term by a specified
9 amount for completing a specified period of workforce
10 achievement; requiring the department to verify
11 employment with specified documentation; providing an
12 effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 948.05, Florida
17 Statutes, is amended to read:

18 948.05 Court to admonish or commend probationer or
19 offender in community control; graduated incentives.—

20 (2) The department shall implement a system of graduated
21 incentives to promote compliance with the terms of supervision,
22 encourage educational achievement and stable employment, and
23 prioritize the highest levels of supervision for probationers or
24 offenders presenting the greatest risk of recidivism.

25 (a) As part of the graduated incentives system, the

26 | department may, without leave of court, offer the following
 27 | incentives to a compliant probationer or offender in community
 28 | control:

- 29 | 1. Up to 25 percent reduction of required community
- 30 | service hours;
- 31 | 2. Waiver of supervision fees;
- 32 | 3. Reduction in frequency of reporting;
- 33 | 4. Permission to report by mail or telephone; or
- 34 | 5. Transfer of an eligible offender to administrative
- 35 | probation as authorized under s. 948.013.

36 | (b) The department may also incentivize positive behavior
 37 | and compliance with recommendations to the court to modify the
 38 | terms of supervision, including recommending:

- 39 | 1. Permission to travel;
- 40 | 2. Reduction of supervision type;
- 41 | 3. Modification or cessation of curfew;
- 42 | 4. Reduction or cessation of substance abuse testing; or
- 43 | 5. Early termination of supervision.

44 | (c) The department shall, without leave of court,
 45 | incentivize educational achievement by awarding a compliant
 46 | probationer or offender in community control a 60-day reduction
 47 | of his or her term of supervision for each educational
 48 | advancement activity he or she completes during the term of
 49 | supervision. For purposes of this paragraph, the term
 50 | "educational advancement activity" means obtaining a high school

51 diploma, a high school equivalency diploma, an academic degree,
52 or a vocational certificate.

53 (d) The department shall, without leave of court,
54 incentivize stable employment by awarding a compliant
55 probationer or offender in community control a 30-day reduction
56 of his or her term of supervision for each period of workforce
57 achievement he or she completes during the term of supervision.
58 For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "workforce
59 achievement" means continuous and verifiable full-time
60 employment, for at least 30 hours per week for a 6-month period,
61 for which the probationer or offender earns a wage. The
62 department shall verify such employment through supporting
63 documentation, which may include any record, letter, pay stub,
64 contract, or other department-approved method of verification.

65 (e)-(e) A probationer or offender who commits a subsequent
66 violation of probation may forfeit any previously earned
67 probation incentive, as determined appropriate by his or her
68 probation officer.

69 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.