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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

Senator Perry moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 62 - 182

and insert:

Section 2. Paragraphs (a) of subsection (1) of section
948.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

948.03 Terms and conditions of probation.—

(1) The court shall determine the terms and conditions of
probation. Conditions specified in this section do not require
oral pronouncement at the time of sentencing and may be
considered standard conditions of probation. These conditions



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may include among them the following, that the probationer or offender in community control shall:

(a) Report to the probation officer as directed. Such reporting requirements may be fulfilled through remote reporting if approved by the relevant probation officer, relevant county probation authority or entity, or the Department of Corrections and if the court has not excluded the possibility of remote reporting by the defendant in his or her order of probation. If the Department of Corrections or a county probation authority or entity elects to authorize remote reporting, it must adopt and make available remote probation reporting policies.

Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 948.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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

(a) As part of the graduated incentives system, the department may, without leave of court, offer the following incentives to a compliant probationer or offender in community control:

1. Up to 25 percent reduction of required community service hours;
2. Waiver of supervision fees;
3. Reduction in frequency of reporting;
4. Permission to report by mail or telephone; or



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41 5. Transfer of an eligible offender to administrative
42 probation as authorized under s. 948.013.

43 (b) The department may also incentivize positive behavior
44 and compliance with recommendations to the court to modify the
45 terms of supervision, including recommending:

- 46 1. Permission to travel;
- 47 2. Reduction of supervision type;
- 48 3. Modification or cessation of curfew;
- 49 4. Reduction or cessation of substance abuse testing; or
- 50 5. Early termination of supervision.

51 (c) The department shall, without leave of court,
52 incentivize educational achievement by awarding a compliant
53 probationer or offender in community control with a 60-day
54 reduction of his or her term of supervision for each educational
55 advancement activity he or she completes during the term of
56 supervision. As used in this paragraph, the term "educational
57 advancement activity" means a high school equivalency degree, an
58 academic degree, or a vocational certificate.

59 (d) The department shall, without leave of court,
60 incentivize stable employment by awarding a compliant
61 probationer or offender in community control a 30-day reduction
62 of his or her term of supervision for each period of workforce
63 achievement he or she completes during the term of supervision.
64 As used in this paragraph, the term "workforce achievement"
65 means continuous and verifiable full-time employment, for at
66 least 30 hours per week for a 6-month period, for which the
67 probationer or offender earns a wage. The department shall
68 verify such employment through supporting documentation, which
69 may include, but need not be limited to, any record, letter, pay



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70 stub, contract, or other department-approved method of
71 verification.

72 (e)~~(e)~~ A probationer or offender who commits a subsequent
73 violation of probation may forfeit any previously earned
74 probation incentive, as determined appropriate by his or her
75 probation officer.

76 Section 4. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 948.15,
77 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

78 948.15 Misdemeanor probation services.—

79 (2) A private entity or public entity, including a licensed
80 substance abuse education and intervention program, under the
81 supervision of the board of county commissioners or the court
82 may provide probation services and licensed substance abuse
83 education and treatment intervention programs for misdemeanor
84 offenders sentenced or placed on probation ~~by the county court.~~

85 (3) Any private entity, including a licensed substance
86 abuse education and intervention program, providing services for
87 the supervision of misdemeanor probationers must contract with
88 the county in which the services are to be rendered. The chief
89 judge ~~In a county having a population of fewer than 70,000, the~~
90 ~~county court judge, or the administrative judge of the county~~
91 ~~court in a county that has more than one county court judge,~~
92 must approve the contract. Terms of the contract must state, but
93 are not limited to:

94 (a) The extent of the services to be rendered by the entity
95 providing supervision or rehabilitation.

96 (b) Staff qualifications and criminal record checks of
97 staff.

98 (c) Staffing levels.



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(d) The number of face-to-face contacts with the offender.
(e) Procedures for handling the collection of all offender fees and restitution.
(f) Procedures for handling indigent offenders which ensure placement irrespective of ability to pay.
(g) Circumstances under which revocation of an offender's probation may be recommended.
(h) Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.
(i) Default and contract termination procedures.
(j) Procedures that aid offenders with job assistance.
(k) Procedures for accessing criminal history records of probationers.

In addition, the entity shall supply the chief judge's office with a quarterly report summarizing the number of offenders supervised by the private entity, payment of the required contribution under supervision or rehabilitation, and the number of offenders for whom supervision or rehabilitation will be terminated. All records of the entity must be open to inspection upon the request of the county, the court, the Auditor General, the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, or agents thereof.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 12 - 28

and insert:

circumstances; requiring the department and county probation authorities or entities to adopt and make



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available remote probation reporting policies under
certain circumstances; amending s. 948.05, F.S.;
requiring the department to reduce a probationer's or
offender's supervision term by a specified amount of
time for completing an educational advancement
activity; defining the term "educational advancement
activity"; requiring the department to incentivize
stable employment by reducing a probationer's or
offender's term of supervision by a specified amount
of time for each period of workforce achievement;
defining the term "workforce achievement"; requiring
the department to verify such employment; amending s.
948.15, F.S.; authorizing a private or public entity
to provide probation services and other specified
programming to misdemeanor offenders; revising who
must approve specified contracts; providing an
effective