

Amendment to SB 437

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to earned time credits for prisoners.
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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:
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7 1 Parole of Prisoners; Earned Time Credits. Amend RSA 651-A:22-a, I to read as follows:

8 I. The commissioner, after reviewing a prisoner's record, shall award to a prisoner or
9 recommend that the prisoner receive a one-time reduction in his or her minimum and maximum
10 sentences for successful completion of each of the following programs while incarcerated, **and shall**
11 **establish procedures for each program, which shall be exempt from RSA 541-A, for**
12 **awarding such reductions:**

13 (a) Education Programs:

14 (1) High School Equivalency Certificate 90 day reduction in the prisoner's minimum
15 sentence and 90 day reduction in the prisoner's maximum sentence.

16 (2) High School Diploma 120 day reduction in the prisoner's minimum sentence and
17 120 day reduction in the prisoner's maximum sentence.

18 (3) Associate's Degree 180 day reduction in the prisoner's minimum sentence and
19 180 day reduction in the prisoner's maximum sentence.

20 (4) Bachelor's Degree 180 day reduction in the prisoner's minimum sentence and 180
21 day reduction in the prisoner's maximum sentence.

22 (5) Master's Degree 180 day reduction in the prisoner's minimum sentence and 180
23 day reduction in the prisoner's maximum sentence.

24 (6) Doctorate Degree 180 day reduction in the prisoner's minimum sentence and 180
25 day reduction in the prisoner's maximum sentence.

26 (b) Vocational Programming. A prisoner who successfully completes a vocational
27 program that is authorized and approved by the department or who successfully completes a
28 vocational program that the commissioner deems to be valuable to the prisoner's rehabilitation, shall
29 be entitled to a one-time reduction of 60 days in his or her minimum sentence and a one-time
30 reduction of 60 days in his or her maximum sentence **for each program under subparagraph (a)**
31 **completed.** ~~[The commissioner shall establish procedures, which shall be exempt from RSA 541-A,~~
32 ~~for awarding such reductions.]~~

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1 (c) Mental Health Programming. A prisoner who meaningfully participates in
2 recommended or mandated mental health and/or substance use treatment that is authorized and
3 approved by the department or that the commissioner deems to be valuable to the prisoner's
4 rehabilitation, shall be entitled to a one-time reduction of 60 days in his or her minimum sentence
5 and a one-time reduction of 60 days in his or her maximum sentence. ~~[The commissioner shall~~
6 ~~establish procedures, which shall be exempt from RSA 541-A, for awarding such reductions.]~~

7 (d) Participation in Family Connections Center Programming. A prisoner who is a
8 parent and who meaningfully participates in the programming offered by the Family Connections
9 Center that the commissioner deems to be valuable to the prisoner's rehabilitation, shall be entitled
10 to a one-time reduction of 60 days in his or her minimum sentence and a one-time reduction of 60
11 days in his or her maximum sentence. ~~[The commissioner shall establish procedures, which shall be~~
12 ~~exempt from RSA 541-A, for awarding such reductions.]~~

13 ***(e) Correctional Industries On-the-Job Training. A prisoner who is awarded a***
14 ***certificate or certificate of apprenticeship in a correctional industries job that is***
15 ***authorized and approved by the department that the commissioner deems to be valuable to***
16 ***the prisoner's rehabilitation shall be entitled to a one-time reduction of 60 days in his or***
17 ***her minimum sentence and a one-time reduction of 60 days in his or her maximum sentence***
18 ***for each master's certificate earned.***

19 ***(f) Other Programs. A prisoner who meaningfully participates in any program***
20 ***that is authorized and approved by the department that the commissioner deems to be***
21 ***valuable to the prisoner's rehabilitation which are not covered under subparagraphs (a)***
22 ***through (e) shall be entitled to a one-time reduction of 60 days in his or her minimum***
23 ***sentence and a one-time reduction of 60 days in his or her maximum sentence for each***
24 ***program completed.***

25 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes earned time credit reductions for prisoners who participate in correctional industries or other programs, and authorizes the commissioner of the department of corrections to establish procedures for all earned time credit programs which shall be exempt from RSA 541-A.

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