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SENATE BILL 39

Short Title: Inmate Job Training.

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Sponsors: Senators Jordan; Martin of Guilford, Conder, Parnell, Albertson, Warren, Edwards, Martin of Pitt, Daniel, Lee, Lucas, Ballance, Soles, Hoyle, Walker, Marshall, Harris, Odom, Gunter, Speed, Plyler, Sands, Seymour, Ward, Tally, and Forrester.

Referred to: Corrections/Punishments.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION TO DEVELOP A
2 PLAN FOR PROVIDING ALL INMATES WITH LITERACY AND JOB
3 TRAINING SKILLS PRIOR TO RELEASE FROM PRISON.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. The Department of Correction shall develop a plan for ensuring
7 that all inmates within the Department's custody receive comprehensive skills training
8 such that each inmate has, upon release from prison, the following:

- 9 (1) At least a general education diploma,
- 10 (2) Skills in how to seek, apply, and interview for employment, and
- 11 (3) Marketable job skills in at least one job skills area of business or
12 industry located in North Carolina, and which business or industry job
13 skills area is considered to be an area where the demand for such job
14 skills is expected to remain constant or experience growth over the
15 five-year period following completion of training.

16 The plan shall provide that, to the extent permitted by law, each inmate
17 complete the skills training as a condition of release from prison.

18 In developing the plan the Department may consult with the Department of
19 Community Colleges, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services of the
20 Department of Human Resources, the Employment Security Commission, and other
21 State agencies to ensure that all State-funded job skills training programs available to
22 inmates during and after incarceration utilize State funds in the most cost efficient and

1 effective manner, avoid duplication of effort and, where appropriate, enhance the
2 effectiveness of programs currently in existence. The plan shall be developed in
3 sufficient time to ensure that inmates released from prison on or after January 1, 1996,
4 have received the skills training required under this section.

5 Sec. 2. The Department of Correction shall report quarterly on the progress of
6 its plan development to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
7 beginning not later than October 1, 1994.

8 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.