

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 50

BY REPRESENTATIVE DWIGHT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CORRECTIONS/PRISONERS: Provides relative to the electronic monitoring of inmates participating in a work release program administered by sheriffs

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:711(B), relative to work release programs administered by
3 sheriffs; to require the use of electronic monitoring for supervising inmates
4 participating in a work release program; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:711(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §711. Work release program

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9 B. Each sheriff shall establish written rules for the administration of the work
10 release program and shall determine those inmates who may participate in the release
11 program, except that no inmate may participate in the program if his sentence so
12 stipulates. Inmates sentenced to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections
13 who are in the custody of the sheriff shall not be eligible for work release unless such
14 inmates are in compliance with standards for work release within the department and
15 written approval of the secretary of the department is obtained. If any inmate
16 violates the conditions prescribed by the sheriff, his work release privileges may be
17 withdrawn. Failure to report to or return from the planned employment shall be
18 considered an escape under the provisions of R.S. 14:110. The sheriff may approve
19 as work release privileges, placement in universities, colleges, technical, vocational
20 or trade schools or in sheltered workshops or in training programs designed to

1 improve the skills and abilities of the inmate. The sheriff shall require the inmate to
2 wear an electronic monitoring device during the hours of his employment.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the sheriff to use electronic monitoring to supervise inmates participating in a work release program.

Present law provides for the establishment of work release programs administered by the sheriff.

Proposed law retains present law and requires the sheriff of each parish to require an inmate participating in the work release program to wear an electronic monitoring device during the hours of his employment.

(Amends R.S. 15:711(B))