

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 32

BY REPRESENTATIVES SELDERS AND JAMES

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

CRIMINAL/SENTENCING: Increases the total number of credits that may be earned by an offender upon earning a bachelor's degree or master's degree

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:828(E) and (F), relative to diminution of sentence; to provide relative to
3 diminution of sentence for the earning of a bachelor's degree or master's degree; to
4 increase the total number of credits upon earning a bachelor's degree or master's
5 degree; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 15:828(E) and (F) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §828. Classification and treatment programs; qualified sex offender programs;
9 reports; earned credits

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11 E. Offenders who are otherwise eligible under this Section who earn a
12 bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited and a department approved
13 educational institution while incarcerated shall be eligible to earn an additional
14 ninety days of credit toward the reduction of the projected good time parole
15 supervision date.

16 F. Offenders who are otherwise eligible under this Section who earn a
17 master's degree from a regionally accredited and a department approved educational
18 institution while incarcerated shall be eligible to earn an additional ninety days of
19 credit toward the reduction of the projected good time parole supervision date.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows certain offenders to earn additional credits toward the reduction of the projected good time parole supervision date.

Present law provides that an offender may be awarded up to 360 days toward the reduction of the projected good time parole supervision date for participation in certified treatment and rehabilitation programs.

Present law further provides that offenders who participate in a workforce development release program shall be eligible to earn an additional 180 days of credit toward the reduction of the projected good time parole supervision date.

Proposed law allows offenders who earn a bachelor's degree or a master's degree from a regionally accredited and a Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections approved educational institution to earn an additional 90 days of credit toward the reduction of the projected good time parole supervision date.

(Adds R.S. 15:828(E) and (F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Add the requirement that the institution be regionally accredited.