

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law required the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to establish programs of classification and diagnosis, education, casework, counseling, and psychotherapy, vocational training and guidance, work, library, and religious services, and such other rehabilitation programs as are consistent with available resources.

New law retains prior law and adds that, at minimum, each Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections adult detention facility must offer a General Education Development (GED) test training program and at least one vocational training program as optional programs for inmates.

New law provides that a Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections adult detention facility may comply with new law if it participates in the Prison Rehabilitation Pilot Program, the Transitional Residential Pilot Program, or a regional reentry program that provides both services.

New law provides that beginning on July 1, 2025, the department shall pay \$2/day to each parish sheriff, or to the governing authority of those parishes in which the governing authority operates the parish jail, if the sheriff or parish offers programming that meets the requirements for a GED training program.

Effective May 23, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 15:828(A)(3))