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Present law requires any individual subject to confinement in a state adult penal or correctional institution to be committed to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections (department). Further authorizes the department to house inmates at a parish jail or institution in certain circumstances and requires the department to pay a daily sum per inmate to each parish sheriff or to the governing authority that operates the jail or institution.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires that any subsequent increase in the daily sum provided for in present law on or after January 1, 2026, is contingent upon compliance with basic jail guidelines approved by the department, all applicable safety and sanitation laws and regulations, and criteria established by the department by rule.

Proposed law requires the department to adopt rules and regulations, in consultation with the sheriff or the governing authority that operates the parish jail, for the implementation of proposed law.

Proposed law requires the rules to establish criteria for eligibility to receive additional per diem funding, including benchmarks and reporting requirements. Such criteria shall include but not be limited to requirements designed to:

- (1) Mitigate the state's exposure to liability risks such as addressing critical facility upgrades and repairs.
- (2) Ensure safe, sanitary, and code-compliant conditions.
- (3) Provide and upgrade adequate technology infrastructure, if applicable.

Proposed law creates the "Transitional Workforce and Vocational Training Pilot Program" within the department for state inmates that are in custody of the sheriff or the governing authority that operates the parish jail. Requires the department to implement the pilot program no later than January 1, 2027.

Proposed law requires the pilot program to provide workforce and vocational training to inmates in high-demand skilled trades to address critical workforce gaps and industry shortages while strengthening reentry outcomes.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the department to select the location and number of inmates in the pilot program.

Proposed law shall be implemented only to the extent that funds are appropriated for this purpose.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the department to submit a report on the overall success of the pilot program to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, the Senate Committee on Judiciary B, and the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice no later than January 1, 2029. Requires the report to include a recommendation that the program be continued, expanded, or terminated.

Proposed law requires the department, in consultation with the sheriff or the governing authority that operates the parish jail, to adopt rules and regulations, in accordance with the APA, to implement provisions of proposed law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 15:824(B)(1)(a); adds R.S. 15:828.5)