

ACT No. 278

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HOUSE BILL NO. 457

BY REPRESENTATIVES MARCELLE AND MANDIE LANDRY

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:865(D) and (E), relative to solitary confinement; to provide for access to
3 certain materials during periods of solitary confinement; to provide for a definition;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:865(D) and (E) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §865. Solitary confinement abolished

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9 D. Any prisoner in a penal or correctional institution who is placed into
10 solitary confinement shall be provided access to all educational training and
11 materials or religious materials he would otherwise have access to in the least
12 restrictive housing available at the institution unless the governing authority of the
13 penal or correctional institution, or its designee, determines any of the following:

14 (1) Access to educational training and materials or religious materials
15 presents a security risk.

16 (2) Access to educational training and materials or religious materials is not
17 feasible due to the nature of the program, training, or materials.

18 (3) Circumstances exist pertaining to the reason for the prisoner's placement
19 in solitary confinement that are incongruous with access to educational training and
20 materials or religious materials.

21 E. For the purposes of this Section, "educational training" means any
22 program offered at that penal or correctional institution, including but not limited to

1 career and technical education, special education, high school equivalency
2 preparation, literacy, adult basic education, developmental studies, higher education
3 degree programs, and any other programs that are or will be offered.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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