

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2018 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Criminal Justice

HB 1201 — Education for Prisoners

by Reps. Ahern, Lee, and others (CS/SB 1318 by Appropriations Committee and Senator Rouson)

The bill amends ss. 951.176 and 944.801, F.S., authorizing a county or the Department of Corrections to contract with a district school board, the Florida Virtual School, or a charter school to provide educational services in the Correctional Educational Program to its inmates. The educational services may include any educational, career, or vocational training.

The bill also amends s. 1011.80, F.S., allowing state funding for postsecondary workforce programs to be used for the education of inmates with less than 24 months of time remaining on his or her sentence.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 115-0