By Senator Taddeo

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Correctional Education Program; amending s. 944.801, F.S.; requiring the Correctional Education Program under the Department of Corrections to develop and implement a plan to provide classes and work programs that assist inmates in preparing for licensure to practice a profession regulated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; requiring that the plan ensure that inmates receive credits or licenses, as applicable; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (m) is added to subsection (3) of section 944.801, Florida Statutes, to read:

944.801 Education for state prisoners.-

- (3) The responsibilities of the Correctional Education Program shall be to:
- (m) Develop and implement a plan to provide classes and work programs that assist inmates in preparing for licensure to practice a profession regulated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. The plan must ensure that inmates receive credit for successful completion of classes or, if all requirements are met, a license.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.