

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to education incentives for
 3 probationers; amending s. 948.05, F.S.; requiring the
 4 Department of Corrections to reduce a probationer's
 5 supervision term by a specified amount for completing
 6 an educational advancement activity; providing a
 7 definition; providing an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 948.05, Florida
 12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 948.05 Court to admonish or commend probationer or
 14 offender in community control; graduated incentives.—

15 (2) The department shall implement a system of graduated
 16 incentives to promote compliance with the terms of supervision,
 17 encourage stable employment, and prioritize the highest levels
 18 of supervision for probationers or offenders presenting the
 19 greatest risk of recidivism.

20 (a) As part of the graduated incentives system, the
 21 department may, without leave of court, offer the following
 22 incentives to a compliant probationer or offender in community
 23 control:

24 1. Up to 25 percent reduction of required community
 25 service hours;

- 26 2. Waiver of supervision fees;
- 27 3. Reduction in frequency of reporting;
- 28 4. Permission to report by mail or telephone; or
- 29 5. Transfer of an eligible offender to administrative
- 30 probation as authorized under s. 948.013.

31 (b) The department may also incentivize positive behavior
 32 and compliance with recommendations to the court to modify the
 33 terms of supervision, including recommending:

- 34 1. Permission to travel;
- 35 2. Reduction of supervision type;
- 36 3. Modification or cessation of curfew;
- 37 4. Reduction or cessation of substance abuse testing; or
- 38 5. Early termination of supervision.

39 (c) The department shall, without leave of court,
 40 incentivize educational achievement by awarding a compliant
 41 probationer or offender in community control a 60-day reduction
 42 of his or her term of supervision for each educational
 43 advancement activity he or she completes during the term of
 44 supervision. For purposes of this paragraph, the term
 45 "educational advancement activity" means obtaining a high school
 46 diploma, a high school equivalency diploma, an academic degree,
 47 or a vocational certificate.

48 (d)-(e) A probationer or offender who commits a subsequent
 49 violation of probation may forfeit any previously earned
 50 probation incentive, as determined appropriate by his or her

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51 | probation officer.

52 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.