

By the Committee on Fiscal Policy; and Senator Truenow

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to education in correctional facilities for professional licensure; amending s. 944.801, F.S.; requiring the Correctional Education Program to design and implement a plan, in coordination with the boards of professions regulated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, or the department when there is no board, for inmates who take certain classes to receive credit towards licensure requirements; 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) Design and implement a plan, in coordination with the relevant professional boards regulated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, or the Department of Business and Professional Regulation when there is no board, to ensure that inmates in a correctional institution who take classes that meet the necessary curriculum requirements as determined by the applicable laws and rules for those professions shall receive credit toward licensure requirements for the successful completion of those classes.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.