

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 429

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: Provides relative to the salary and deducted expenses of an inmate in a work release program or workforce development work release program

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:711(C) and (F), 1111(G) and (H)(1), 1199.9(F) and (G), and
3 1199.10(G) and (H), relative to work release programs for inmates; to provide
4 relative to inmates in work release programs and workforce development work
5 release programs; to provide relative to the maximum amount of wages that can be
6 deducted from the salary of an inmate; to provide relative to the wages of an inmate;
7 and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 15:711(C) and (F), 1111(G) and (H)(1), 1199.9(F) and (G), and
10 1199.10(G) and (H) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

11 §711. Work release program

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13 C. Every inmate with work release privileges shall be liable for the cost of
14 his room, board, clothing, and other necessary expenses incident to his employment
15 or placement. The maximum amount of wages that can be deducted from the salary
16 of an inmate with work release privileges shall not exceed twenty dollars for eight
17 or more hours of work per day or ten dollars for less than eight hours of work per
18 day.

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1 F. The wages of an inmate so employed shall be ~~not less than the customary~~
2 ~~wages for an employee performing similar services~~ eight dollars per hour.

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4 §1111. Work release program

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6 G. The wages of an inmate so employed shall be ~~not less than the customary~~
7 ~~wages for an employee performing similar services~~ eight dollars per hour.

8 H.(1) Deductions for room, board, and other administrative and incidental
9 costs resulting from participation in a work release program authorized by this
10 Section shall not exceed ~~seventy percent of the gross wages received by the inmate.~~
11 ~~This deduction rate shall be established by the secretary of the Department of Public~~
12 ~~Safety and Corrections~~ twenty dollars for eight or more hours of work per day or ten
13 dollars for less than eight hours of work per day.

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15 §1199.9. Workforce development work release for participants and graduates of
16 program administered by the department

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18 F. The wages of an inmate so employed shall ~~not be less than the customary~~
19 ~~wages for an employee performing similar services~~ be eight dollars per hour.

20 G. Deductions for room, board, and other administrative and incidental costs
21 resulting from participation in a workforce development work release program
22 authorized by this Section shall not exceed ~~seventy percent of the gross wages~~
23 ~~received by an inmate~~ twenty dollars for eight or more hours of work per day or ten
24 dollars for less than eight hours of work per day.

25 §1199.10. Workforce development work release for participants and graduates of
26 the program administered by the sheriff

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28 G. The wages of an inmate so employed shall ~~not be less than the customary~~
29 ~~wages for an employee performing similar services~~ be eight dollars per hour.

1 H. Deductions for expenses listed in Subsection F of this Section resulting
 2 from participation in a workforce development work release program authorized by
 3 this Section shall not exceed ~~seventy-five percent of the wages received by an inmate~~
 4 twenty dollars for eight or more hours of work per day or ten dollars for less than
 5 eight hours of work per day.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the maximum amount of deductions from the salary of an inmate with work release privileges or workforce development work release privileges, and provides that the wages of such inmate shall be \$8 per hour.

Present law provides for work release programs and workforce development work release programs for certain inmates.

Present law provides that every inmate with work release privileges is liable for the cost of room, board, clothing, and other necessary expenses incidental to his employment or placement.

Present law provides that deductions for room, board, and other administrative and incidental costs for participation in a work release program or a workforce development work release program shall not exceed 70% or 75% (depending upon the specific program) of the gross wages received by the inmate.

Proposed law provides that the maximum amount of wages to be deducted from the salary of an inmate with work release privileges shall not exceed \$20 for eight or more hours of work per day or \$10 for less than eight hours of work per day.

Present law provides that the wages of an inmate employed with a work release program or a workforce development work release program shall not be less than the customary wages for an employee performing similar services.

Proposed law requires the wages of an inmate employed with a work release program or a workforce development work release program to be \$8 per hour.

(Amends R.S. 15:711(C) and (F), 1111(G) and (H)(1), 1199.9(F) and (G), and 1199.10(G) and (H))