

House Bill 2695

Sponsored by Representative THATCHER; Representative OLSON

SUMMARY

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Limits ability of Department of Corrections to release inmates under alternative incarceration programs.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to alternative incarceration programs; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 421.508.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 421.508 is amended to read:

5 421.508. (1)(a) The Department of Corrections is responsible for determining which offenders are
6 eligible to participate in, and which offenders are accepted for, a program. However, the department
7 may not consider an offender for a program unless authorized to do so as provided in ORS 137.750.

8 (b) The department may not accept an offender into a program unless the offender submits a
9 written request to participate. The request must contain a signed statement providing that the
10 offender:

11 (A) Is physically and mentally able to withstand the rigors of the program; and

12 (B) Has reviewed the program description provided by the department and agrees to comply with
13 each of the requirements of the program.

14 (c) The department may deny, for any reason, a request to participate in a program. The de-
15 partment shall make the final determination regarding an offender's physical or mental ability to
16 withstand the rigors of the program.

17 (d) If the department determines that an offender's participation in a program is consistent with
18 the safety of the community, the welfare of the applicant, the program objectives and the rules of
19 the department, the department may, in its discretion, accept the offender into the program.

20 (2) The department may suspend an offender from a program for administrative or disciplinary
21 reasons.

22 (3) When an offender has successfully completed a program, the department may release the
23 offender on post-prison supervision. Successful completion of a program does not relieve the offender
24 from fulfilling any other obligations imposed as part of the sentence including, but not limited to,
25 the payment of restitution and fines.

26 **(4) The department may not release an offender under subsection (3) of this section un-**
27 **less:**

28 **(a) The offender has served at least 13 months of the imposed sentence; and**

29 **(b) The offender has less than 24 months remaining on the imposed sentence. The de-**
30 **partment, in determining the period of time remaining on the imposed sentence, may not**
31 **include either the transitional leave period provided for in ORS 421.510 or the reduction in**

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1 the incarceration term provided for in ORS 421.121.

2 SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 421.508 by section 1 of this 2007 Act apply to pros-
3 ecutions commenced on or after the effective date of this 2007 Act.

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