

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2623

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Including House Amendments dated March 26

Sponsored by Representative CAMERON; Representatives BARKER, GREENLICK, SHIELDS

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Authorizes Department of Corrections to grant 60-day reduction in term of incarceration to inmates who successfully complete educational program.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to prison education programs; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 421.121.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 421.121 is amended to read:

5 421.121. (1) Except as provided in ORS 137.635, each inmate sentenced to the custody of the
6 Department of Corrections for felonies committed on or after November 1, 1989, is eligible for a
7 reduction in the term of incarceration for:

8 (a) Appropriate institutional behavior, as defined by rule of the Department of Corrections[, *and*
9 *for*]; **and**

10 (b)(A) Participation in the adult basic skills development program described in ORS 421.084;
11 **or**

12 **(B) Obtaining a high school diploma, General Educational Development (GED) certificate**
13 **or a certificate or degree from a post-secondary education institution as defined in ORS**
14 **337.511. The reduction described in this subparagraph may not exceed a period of 60 days.**

15 (2) The maximum amount of time credits earned for appropriate institutional behavior, [*or*] for
16 participation in the adult basic skills development program described in ORS 421.084 **or for ob-**
17 **taining a diploma, certificate or degree described in subsection (1)(b)(B) of this section** may
18 not exceed 20 percent of the total term of incarceration in a Department of Corrections institution.

19 (3) The time credits may not be used to shorten the term of actual prison confinement to less
20 than six months.

21 (4) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to the rulemaking provisions of ORS chapter 183
22 to establish a process for granting, retracting and restoring the time credits earned by the offender
23 as allowed in subsections (1) to (3) of this section.

24 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 421.121 by section 1 of this 2009 Act apply to eligible**
25 **inmates who obtain a diploma, certificate or degree described in ORS 421.121 (1)(b)(B) on or**
26 **after the effective date of this 2009 Act.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
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