

HOUSE BILL No. 1574

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 11-10-16; IC 35-50-6-3.3.

Synopsis: Credit time for behavior management programs. Requires the department of correction to establish, implement, and maintain an offender behavior management program. Provides that an offender who completes the behavior management program may receive credit time.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning corrections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 11-10-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2013]:
 4 **Chapter 16. Behavior Management Program**
 5 **Sec. 1. The department shall establish, implement, and maintain**
 6 **a behavior management program for offenders.**
 7 **Sec. 2. The behavior management program established under**
 8 **this chapter must include instruction:**
 9 (1) concerning successful reentry and rehabilitation; and
 10 (2) promoting nonviolence.
 11 **Sec. 3. The goals of the behavior management program**
 12 **established under this chapter must include reducing:**
 13 (1) offender misconduct;
 14 (2) prison violence; and
 15 (3) recidivism.
 16 **Sec. 4. The department shall determine the qualifications an**
 17 **offender must meet to participate in the behavior management**



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program established under this chapter.

Sec. 5. (a) An offender who successfully completes the behavior management program established under this chapter may earn credit time under IC 35-50-6-3.3(b)(3)(E).

(b) An offender may not receive credit time under this chapter for participating in a sex offender treatment program or any other sex offender program.

Sec. 6. An inmate who is serving a sentence for a conviction of a crime listed in IC 35-38-2.5-4.7(1) must participate in the behavior management program established under this chapter or another behavior management program approved and recommended by the department.

SECTION 2. IC 35-50-6-3.3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.147-2012, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 3.3. (a) In addition to any credit time a person earns under subsection (b) or section 3 of this chapter, a person earns credit time if the person:

- (1) is in credit Class I;
- (2) has demonstrated a pattern consistent with rehabilitation; and
- (3) successfully completes requirements to obtain one (1) of the following:
 - (A) A general educational development (GED) diploma under IC 20-20-6 (before its repeal) or IC 22-4.1-18, if the person has not previously obtained a high school diploma.
 - (B) Except as provided in subsection (n), a high school diploma, if the person has not previously obtained a general educational development (GED) diploma.
 - (C) An associate's degree from an approved postsecondary educational institution (as defined under IC 21-7-13-6(a)).
 - (D) A bachelor's degree from an approved postsecondary educational institution (as defined under IC 21-7-13-6(a)).

(b) In addition to any credit time that a person earns under subsection (a) or section 3 of this chapter, a person may earn credit time if, while confined by the department of correction, the person:

- (1) is in credit Class I;
- (2) demonstrates a pattern consistent with rehabilitation; and
- (3) successfully completes requirements to obtain at least one (1) of the following:
 - (A) A certificate of completion of a career and technical education program approved by the department of correction.
 - (B) A certificate of completion of a substance abuse program approved by the department of correction.

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- 1 (C) A certificate of completion of a literacy and basic life
- 2 skills program approved by the department of correction.
- 3 (D) A certificate of completion of a reformatory program
- 4 approved by the department of correction.
- 5 **(E) A certificate of completion of a behavior management**
- 6 **program established under IC 11-10-16.**
- 7 (c) The department of correction shall establish admissions criteria
- 8 and other requirements for programs available for earning credit time
- 9 under subsection (b). A person may not earn credit time under both
- 10 subsections (a) and (b) for the same program of study.
- 11 (d) The amount of credit time a person may earn under this section
- 12 is the following:
- 13 (1) Six (6) months for completion of a state of Indiana general
- 14 educational development (GED) diploma under IC 20-20-6
- 15 (before its repeal) or IC 22-4.1-18.
- 16 (2) One (1) year for graduation from high school.
- 17 (3) One (1) year for completion of an associate's degree.
- 18 (4) Two (2) years for completion of a bachelor's degree.
- 19 (5) Not more than a total of six (6) months of credit, as
- 20 determined by the department of correction, for the completion of
- 21 one (1) or more career and technical education programs
- 22 approved by the department of correction.
- 23 (6) Not more than a total of six (6) months of credit, as
- 24 determined by the department of correction, for the completion of
- 25 one (1) or more substance abuse programs approved by the
- 26 department of correction.
- 27 (7) Not more than a total of six (6) months credit, as determined
- 28 by the department of correction, for the completion of one (1) or
- 29 more literacy and basic life skills programs approved by the
- 30 department of correction.
- 31 (8) Not more than a total of six (6) months credit time, as
- 32 determined by the department of correction, for completion of one
- 33 (1) or more reformatory programs approved by the department of
- 34 correction. However, a person who is serving a sentence for an
- 35 offense listed under IC 11-8-8-4.5 may not earn credit time under
- 36 this subdivision.
- 37 **(9) Not more than a total of six (6) months credit, as**
- 38 **determined by the department of correction, for the**
- 39 **completion of one (1) or more behavior management**
- 40 **programs under IC 11-10-16, as determined by the**
- 41 **department of correction.**
- 42 However, a person who does not have a substance abuse problem that

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1 qualifies the person to earn credit in a substance abuse program may
 2 earn not more than a total of twelve (12) months of credit, as
 3 determined by the department of correction, for the completion of one
 4 (1) or more career and technical education programs approved by the
 5 department of correction. If a person earns more than six (6) months of
 6 credit for the completion of one (1) or more career and technical
 7 education programs, the person is ineligible to earn credit for the
 8 completion of one (1) or more substance abuse programs.

9 (e) Credit time earned by a person under this section is subtracted
 10 from the release date that would otherwise apply to the person after
 11 subtracting all other credit time earned by the person.

12 (f) A person does not earn credit time under subsection (a) unless
 13 the person completes at least a portion of the degree requirements after
 14 June 30, 1993.

15 (g) A person does not earn credit time under subsection (b) unless
 16 the person completes at least a portion of the program requirements
 17 after June 30, 1999.

18 (h) Credit time earned by a person under subsection (a) for a
 19 diploma or degree completed before July 1, 1999, shall be subtracted
 20 from:

21 (1) the release date that would otherwise apply to the person after
 22 subtracting all other credit time earned by the person, if the
 23 person has not been convicted of an offense described in
 24 subdivision (2); or

25 (2) the period of imprisonment imposed on the person by the
 26 sentencing court, if the person has been convicted of one (1) of
 27 the following crimes:

28 (A) Rape (IC 35-42-4-1).

29 (B) Criminal deviate conduct (IC 35-42-4-2).

30 (C) Child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3).

31 (D) Child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4(b)).

32 (E) Vicarious sexual gratification (IC 35-42-4-5).

33 (F) Child solicitation (IC 35-42-4-6).

34 (G) Child seduction (IC 35-42-4-7).

35 (H) Sexual misconduct with a minor as a Class A felony, Class
 36 B felony, or Class C felony (IC 35-42-4-9).

37 (I) Incest (IC 35-46-1-3).

38 (J) Sexual battery (IC 35-42-4-8).

39 (K) Kidnapping (IC 35-42-3-2), if the victim is less than
 40 eighteen (18) years of age.

41 (L) Criminal confinement (IC 35-42-3-3), if the victim is less
 42 than eighteen (18) years of age.

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- 1 (M) An attempt or a conspiracy to commit a crime listed in
2 clauses (A) through (L).
- 3 (i) The maximum amount of credit time a person may earn under
4 this section is the lesser of:
5 (1) four (4) years; or
6 (2) one-third (1/3) of the person's total applicable credit time.
- 7 (j) Credit time earned under this section by an offender serving a
8 sentence for a felony against a person under IC 35-42 or for a crime
9 listed in IC 11-8-8-5 shall be reduced to the extent that application of
10 the credit time would otherwise result in:
11 (1) postconviction release (as defined in IC 35-40-4-6); or
12 (2) assignment of the person to a community transition program;
13 in less than forty-five (45) days after the person earns the credit time.
- 14 (k) A person may earn credit time for multiple degrees at the same
15 education level under subsection (d) only in accordance with guidelines
16 approved by the department of correction. The department of
17 correction may approve guidelines for proper sequence of education
18 degrees under subsection (d).
- 19 (l) A person may not earn credit time:
20 (1) for a general educational development (GED) diploma if the
21 person has previously earned a high school diploma; or
22 (2) for a high school diploma if the person has previously earned
23 a general educational development (GED) diploma.
- 24 (m) A person may not earn credit time under this section if the
25 person:
26 (1) commits an offense listed in IC 11-8-8-4.5 while the person is
27 required to register as a sex or violent offender under IC 11-8-8-7;
28 and
29 (2) is committed to the department of correction after being
30 convicted of the offense listed in IC 11-8-8-4.5.
- 31 (n) For a person to earn credit time under subsection (a)(3)(B) for
32 successfully completing the requirements for a high school diploma
33 through correspondence courses, each correspondence course must be
34 approved by the department before the person begins the
35 correspondence course. The department may approve a correspondence
36 course only if the entity administering the course is recognized and
37 accredited by the department of education in the state where the entity
38 is located.

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