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SENATE BILL 397

Short Title: GED Credit for Inmates.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Ballance.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CREDIT TO MISDEMEANANTS IN LOCAL
CONFINEMENT FACILITIES FOR ATTENDING GED CLASSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 162-60 reads as rewritten:

"§ 162-60. **Reduction in sentence allowed for work.**

(a) A prisoner who has faithfully performed the duties assigned to ~~him~~ the
prisoner pursuant to G.S. 162-58 is entitled to a reduction in ~~his~~ the prisoner's sentence
of four days for each 30 days of work ~~performed.~~ performed, up to the maximum credit
allowed under G.S. 15A-1340.20(d).

(b) A prisoner convicted and housed in a local confinement facility who
successfully attends classes towards a general education development (GED) diploma is
entitled to a reduction in the prisoner's sentence of four days for each 30 days of classes
attended, up to the maximum credit allowed under G.S. 15A-1340.20(d).

(c) The person having custody of the prisoner, as defined in G.S. 162-59, shall be
the sole judge as to whether the prisoner has faithfully performed ~~his duties.~~ the
assigned duties or successfully attended GED classes. A prisoner who escapes or
attempts to escape while performing work pursuant to G.S. 162-58 or while attending
GED classes shall forfeit any reduction in sentence that ~~he~~ the prisoner would have been
entitled to under this section."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.