

1 HB590
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3 By Representative Jones
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would authorize the Alabama
9 Department of Corrections to establish a pilot
10 program to provide bonuses to assist in
11 correctional officer retention.

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13 A BILL
14 TO BE ENTITLED
15 AN ACT
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17 To authorize the Alabama Department of Corrections
18 to establish a pilot program to provide bonuses to assist in
19 correctional officer hiring and retention.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

21 Section 1. The Alabama Department of Corrections
22 shall have the authority to establish a pilot program designed
23 to increase correctional officer retention and promote the
24 hiring and retention of veterans of the United States Armed
25 Forces by offering bonuses to correctional officers for
26 remaining employed by the department for consecutive terms of
27 employment to be established by the department and subject to

1 the availability of funds. In no event may the department
2 award a bonus to a correctional officer who has been employed
3 with the department for less than 12 consecutive months.

4 Section 2. Unless otherwise authorized by an act of
5 the legislature, the program established under this bill shall
6 expire on December 31, 2019.

7 Section 3. It is not the intention of this act to
8 make appropriations, but the program established by the
9 department is subject to the appropriations made for the
10 department in the annual budget act.

11 Section 4. This act shall become immediately
12 effective following its passage and approval by the Governor,
13 or its otherwise becoming law.