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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1526

prisoners; training; individual certificates

Purpose

Requires a prisoner who successfully completes a training program to receive an individual certificate.

Background

The work-based education (WBE) programs are designed to assist offenders in gaining marketable employment skills. The Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC) provides WBE instruction to prisoners who possess a high school diploma or Graduate Equivalency Degree but have no identifiable work or employment skills. WBE programs range from six months to two years in duration. According to ADC, the skills gained through these programs may assist offenders in obtaining work within the prison setting, as well as upon release ([ADC](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Requires a prisoner who successfully completes a training program that results in certification to work in a specific field or trade to receive an individual certificate that includes:
 - a) the prisoner's name;
 - b) the date of the training; and
 - c) information that the prisoner successfully completed the training program and is certified to work in that specific field or trade.
2. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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