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Introduction and first reading
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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to corrections; modifying the eligibility terms for work release from prison;
1.3 modifying the terms of the Minnesota Rehabilitation and Reinvestment Act;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 244.065, subdivision 1; Minnesota
1.5 Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 244.41, subdivision 10; 244.50, subdivision
1.6 2.

1.7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 244.065, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.9 Subdivision 1. **Work.** When consistent with the public interest and the public safety,
1.10 the commissioner of corrections ~~may~~ shall conditionally release an inmate to work at paid
1.11 employment, seek employment, or participate in a vocational training or educational program,
1.12 as provided in section 241.26, if the inmate agrees and has served at least one half of the
1.13 term of imprisonment.

1.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 244.41, subdivision 10, is amended
1.15 to read:

1.16 Subd. 10. **Incarcerated days saved.** "Incarcerated days saved" means the number of
1.17 days of an incarcerated person's original term of imprisonment minus the number of actual
1.18 days served or served in a less expensive community-based setting, excluding days not
1.19 served due to death ~~or as a result of time earned in the challenge incarceration program~~
1.20 ~~under sections 244.17 to 244.173.~~

2.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 244.50, subdivision 2, is amended
2.2 to read:

2.3 Subd. 2. **Certifying earned incentive release savings.** On or before the final closeout
2.4 date of each fiscal year, the commissioner must certify to Minnesota Management and
2.5 Budget the earned incentive release savings from the previous fiscal year. The commissioner
2.6 must provide the detailed calculation substantiating the savings amount, including
2.7 accounting-system-generated data where possible, supporting the direct-cost per diem and
2.8 the incarcerated days saved. Savings under sections 244.17 to 244.173 and 244.065 must
2.9 be calculated in the fiscal year that an inmate completed or failed the program the inmate
2.10 was participating in and must be reduced by the actual cost of the programming provided
2.11 to the inmate.