

HOUSE BILL 932

By Camper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39;  
Title 40 and Title 41, relative to sentence reduction  
credits.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-21-236, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(2)(B)(i) and substituting instead the following:

(i) In addition to the time program performance credit awarded pursuant to subdivision (a)(2)(A), the department shall provide an educational good time credit of sixty (60) days to any qualifying prisoner who successfully receives a graduate equivalency diploma (GED(R)) or a high school diploma, a two-year or four-year college degree, or a two-year or four-year certification in applied sciences, or receives a vocational education diploma as provided and defined by the department. No credit shall be given for any diploma, degree, or certification unless the particular course of study, including the institution or entity through which it is offered, has received the prior approval of the department. The department shall work with the Tennessee higher education commission and the department of education to ensure that all appropriate programs of study are offered. A qualifying prisoner may receive no more than one (1) credit of sixty (60) days, regardless of the number of programs completed.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.