

SENATE BILL 2037

By Harris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 41 and Title 50, relative to a work program for
persons who have been convicted of a felony.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 14, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) The department of labor and workforce development, in conjunction with the department of correction, is encouraged to study and develop a model program:

(1) To provide financial incentives to businesses in this state that employ persons who have been convicted of a felony; and

(2) Under which a person employed pursuant to subdivision (a)(1) remits to the department of labor and workforce development an amount from each paycheck during the period of participation in the program.

(b) If the department of labor and workforce development studies and develops a model program pursuant to subsection (a), the department shall submit a report outlining the program and any other findings and recommendations of the department to the governor and the speaker of the house of representatives and the speaker of the senate no later than January 1, 2017.

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