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S.B. No. 676

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the award of good conduct time to inmates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 498.003(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Good conduct time applies only to eligibility for parole or mandatory supervision as provided by Section 508.145 or 508.147 and does not otherwise affect an inmate's term. Good conduct time is a privilege and not a right. Regardless of the classification of an inmate, the department may grant good conduct time to the inmate only if the department finds that the inmate:

(1) is actively engaged in an agricultural, vocational, or educational endeavor, in an industrial program or other work program, or in a treatment program, unless the department finds that the inmate is not capable of participating in such a program or endeavor; or

(2) regularly attends religious services or studies religious texts.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a person who is confined in a facility operated by or under contract with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of whether the offense for which the person is confined occurred before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.