

Amend CSSB 213 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 501.0052 to read as follows:

Sec. 501.0052. OFFENDER PEER EDUCATION. (a) The department shall establish a program to authorize inmates who possess specialized skills or education to provide instruction to other inmates through voluntary workshops. The department shall determine the types of workshops that may be offered and shall emphasize workshops that encourage the general dissemination of knowledge, enhance critical thinking skills, and increase the literacy of participating inmates.

(b) The department shall establish minimum requirements for participation in the program, including the requirements of inmates who will provide instruction to other inmates. The department shall establish a training course in workshop facilitation and shall require an inmate to complete the course before the inmate may provide instruction to other inmates.

(c) Each inmate who is providing instruction through a workshop must determine the curriculum for the workshop. A workshop curriculum is subject to the approval of the department. The department shall allow an inmate providing instruction through the program to use the resources of the Windham School District libraries in preparing a curriculum or course materials for a workshop.

(d) An inmate providing instruction to another inmate may only function as a teacher and advisor to the inmate and may not exercise supervisory authority or control over the inmate.

(e) The department may consider the results of any examination conducted in a workshop and the level of participation in a workshop in determining the effectiveness of the workshop.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Not later than December 1, 2013, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall adopt rules necessary to implement Section 501.0052, Government Code, as added by this Act.