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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend C.S. S.B. No. 213 (house committee printing) by
2 adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill
3 and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION ____ Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Government Code, is
5 amended by adding Section 501.0052 to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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