

AN ACT

relating to certain programs for inmates, including the abolition of the state boot camp program and the use of programs by volunteer and faith-based organizations.

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

SECTION 1. Section 501.009, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 501.009. VOLUNTEER AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS; REPORT. (a) The department shall adopt a policy that requires each warden to identify [actively encourage] volunteer and faith-based organizations that [to] provide [the following] programs for inmates housed in facilities operated by the department. The policy must require each warden to actively encourage volunteer and faith-based organizations to provide the following programs for inmates in the warden's facility:

- (1) literacy and education programs;
- (2) life skills programs;
- (3) job skills programs;
- (4) parent-training programs;
- (5) drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs;
- (6) support group programs;
- (7) arts and crafts programs; and
- (8) other programs determined by the department to aid inmates in the transition between confinement and society and to

1 reduce incidence of recidivism among inmates.

2 (b) The policy must require that each warden submit a report
3 to the board not later than December 31 of each year that includes,
4 for the preceding fiscal year, a summary of:

5 (1) the programs provided to inmates under this
6 section; and

7 (2) the actions taken by the warden to identify
8 volunteer and faith-based organizations willing to provide
9 programs to inmates and to encourage those organizations to provide
10 programs in the warden's facility.

11 SECTION 2. The following are repealed:

12 (1) Section 8, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal
13 Procedure; and

14 (2) Section 499.052, Government Code.

15 SECTION 3. (a) On and after the effective date of this Act:

16 (1) a judge may not recommend a person for placement in
17 the state boot camp program under Section 499.052, Government Code;
18 and

19 (2) a participant in the state boot camp program
20 remains a participant in the program only until the later of the
21 following dates:

22 (A) the date on which the convicting court
23 suspends further execution of the sentence and reassumes custody of
24 the person; or

25 (B) the date on which the Texas Department of
26 Criminal Justice transfers the person to another unit in the
27 department.

1 (b) Section 8, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure,
2 and Section 499.052, Government Code, repealed by this Act, are
3 continued in effect for the limited purpose of the orderly
4 abolition of the state boot camp program created by those
5 provisions.

6 SECTION 4. Not later than December 1, 2013, the Texas
7 Department of Criminal Justice shall adopt the policy, including a
8 schedule for implementing the policy, required by Section 501.009,
9 Government Code, as amended by this Act.

10 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 345 passed the Senate on March 27, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 24, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 345 passed the House, with amendment, on May 21, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 2, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor