

prisoners; services budget; postsecondary education

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CHAPTER 119
HOUSE BILL 2248

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 31-240, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO PRISONERS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 31-240, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 31-240. Prisoner education services budget; prohibited uses

5 A. The director shall establish and maintain a dedicated prisoner
6 education services budget for each state prison to identify the monies
7 appropriated to the department and expended for the following education
8 programs:

9 1. The functional literacy program established pursuant to section
10 31-229.

11 2. Adult basic education.

12 3. General equivalency diploma preparation.

13 4. Vocational and technical education.

14 5. POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING
15 INDUSTRIES:

16 (a) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

17 (b) TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING.

18 (c) CONSTRUCTION.

19 (d) HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE.

20 (e) MANUFACTURING.

21 (f) FINANCE AND INSURANCE.

22 (g) RETAIL TRADE.

23 B. The director shall determine the amount of the education
24 services budget monies that are allocated for education programs dedicated
25 to prisoners incarcerated in a special management unit.

26 C. The director shall not spend the education services budget
27 monies for education programs dedicated to prisoners who are sentenced to
28 death or life imprisonment or who are classified as maximum custody.

29 D. Subsection C of this section does not apply to prisoners who are
30 under eighteen years of age and prisoners with disabilities who are under
31 twenty-two years of age.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 9, 2024.

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