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An Act To Allow Deductions from Prison Sentences for Rehabilitative Activities

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1253, sub-§15 is enacted to read:

15. In addition to any other time deducted from a sentence under this section, for a person who commits a crime and is subsequently sentenced to a term of imprisonment for that crime to a county or state facility, up to 7 days and 12 hours per calendar month may be deducted from that term, calculated from the date of commencement of that term as specified under subsection 1, if that person's satisfactory performance in the completion of an educational program leading to a high school equivalency diploma, completion of another educational or vocational training program or a work release program or work for a county or state facility industry leads directly to the rehabilitation of that person as determined by the sheriff or chief administrative officer of the county or state facility. This subsection applies to the unserved portion of a sentence for a person on probation if the person's probation officer determines that the educational or work program leads directly to the rehabilitation of that person. This subsection does not apply to a person serving a sentence imposed by the State in a facility of another state or the Federal Government or to a person in a county or state facility serving a sentence imposed by another state or the Federal Government.

SUMMARY

This bill allows, in addition to existing deductions in time from a prison or jail sentence, a deduction in time of up to 7.5 days per calendar month for a person's satisfactory performance, while in custody or on probation, in the completion of an educational program leading to a high school equivalency diploma, completion of another educational or vocational training program or a work release program or work for a county or state facility industry that leads directly to the rehabilitation of that person.