

Parole in the state of Maine would provide a highly-supervised system through which men & women in the MDOC system can get highly educated online in any field of study they are interested in, for free. There is nothing that a person in a \$100,000 per year college program can learn which cannot be learned, for 100% free, online. Parolees should be given six options while on Parole:

- Study a trade, — even if it's free (30 Hrs per Week) online learning — passing a test, (60% or better) on what he/she studied, each month.;
- Work a job (or show proof of applying for 50 jobs a week to their P.O.) for at least 30 hours per week.;
- Volunteer at a non-profit organization 30 hours per week.;
- Do 25 hours per week Community Service.;
- Work on a statewide food bank farm; growing, harvesting, & processing food for needy families. 25 hours per week, or 100 hours a month.
- Mentouring troubled youths, after 200 hours of training, 30 hours/week, \$16 an hour, paid by the federal & State gov't. Bodycam always rolling.

This system would help address the slumping economy of Maine; help to eliminate hunger; create jobs — as well as fill them —; get troubled youths straightened out; greatly reduce recurrence of offenders' offending, through education; help charities; allow children of offenders to be provided for, and greatly reduce the burden on the Maine taxpayer by clearing out our prisons.

Much more importantly, it will drastically cut down on Fentanyl & Carfentanyl overdoses among young Mainers, each year that this program is in effect, since it will promote education of offenders, which will allow them to earn money lawfully rather than traffic in opiates in order to get the cash they need to survive. By mandating that Parolees do one of these 6 things, they will gravitate toward the ones which help themselves earn money, and will not be in a position of desperation, — which is the root of drug-trafficking, — and this will translate to far far fewer overdose & opiate poisoning deaths.

Bring Parole back to Maine, or the blood of thousands of young people is on your hands.