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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 217, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to training provided to inmates in correctional centers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 217, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new 2 section, to be known as section 217.445, to read as follows:

217.445. The department shall:

- 2 (1) Enhance educational programs offered by the department 3 under section 217.355 to increase the number of offenders who earn a 4 general educational development certificate (GED), or its equivalent;
- (2) Provide, or contract with community organizations and other nonprofit or for-profit entities to provide, training in stress management, anger management, workforce preparation, and other skills needed to achieve self-sufficiency for a successful transition from incarceration;
- (3) Work with educational institutions, training facilities, and employers to offer a variety of training programs that provide occupational certification or licensure upon completion of coursework and ensure offenders transitioning from incarceration have a copy of any certification or license they earned; and
- (4) Provide offenders with access to the Occupational Safety and
 Health Association's 10-hour Outreach Training Program for General
 Industry.