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# SENATE BILL NO. 604

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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## 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 section, to be known as section 217.445, to read as follows:

**217.445. The department shall:**

(1) Enhance educational programs offered by the department under section 217.355 to increase the number of offenders who earn a 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.

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