

INMATE PRODUCTIVITY AND WORK SKILLS

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STATE OF UTAH

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AN ACT RELATING TO CORRECTIONS AND STATE INSTITUTIONS; CREATING THE GOAL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OF HAVING ALL ELIGIBLE INMATES PRODUCTIVELY INVOLVED IN A TREATMENT, EDUCATION, OR WORK PROGRAM.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

64-9b-1, as enacted by Chapter 32, Laws of Utah 1978

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **64-9b-1** is amended to read:

64-9b-1. Legislative findings.

(1) The Legislature finds that it is in the best interest of the state of Utah for the department to:

(a) develop job opportunities to further enhance the rehabilitation of inmates of the Utah state prison[-];

(b) establish and actively work toward the goal that all inmates shall be productively involved in a treatment, education, or work program, or a combination of these programs, as appropriate, except for inmates who the department determines are physically or mentally disabled, or pose a danger to the public, so that they are unable to engage in these activities; and

(c) submit a comprehensive management plan outlining the department's plan to meet this goal to the Legislature on or before November 1 of each even-numbered year, and the plan shall include:

(i) a cost-effective analysis of current inmate education, treatment, and work programs;
and

(ii) a study of the feasibility of expanding inmate work programs, particularly in regard to programs that:

(A) are not capital intensive;

(B) do not unfairly compete with existing Utah industry; and

(C) are designed to increase the motivation, develop the work capabilities, and foster the cooperation of inmates.

(2) The Legislature further finds that a proper means to accomplish this is through a liberal application of this act.