

HB 817 -- MOTIVATIONAL BOOT CAMP

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This bill directs the Department of Corrections to establish the "Motivational Boot Camp Incarceration Program".

The Program must include a strong emphasis on work; physical activity; good health practices; intensive counseling; treatment programming; self-discipline and self motivation; and a detailed explanation of program goals, objectives, rules and criteria.

Enrollment in the Program will last for a period of two years.

The Boot Camp Program will be voluntary and available to any person between the ages of 17 and 21 who has two prior convictions for nonviolent criminal offenses. Upon a third conviction for a nonviolent offense, the offender may choose participation in the Boot Camp Incarceration Program in lieu of a jail or prison sentence.

Before placement in the Program, participants will be screened for disqualifying criteria, including: physical or mental disability that would inhibit strenuous physical activity, contagious diseases, age qualifications, and Department approval for placement.

The Department will certify an offender's satisfactory completion of the Program to the court. Upon receipt of the certification, the court will release the person from confinement and expunge the offense for which the person was sentenced from their criminal record. If the Department finds that an offender's participation in the Program is unsatisfactory, the court may impose the original jail or prison sentence.

This bill is the same as HB 1639 (2024) and HB 2871 (2024).