

1 HB151  
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3 By Representatives Simpson, Stringer and Robertson  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, certain inmates are  
9 eligible for work release.

10 This bill would provide that to be eligible  
11 for work release, inmates convicted of a violent  
12 offense shall be subject to electronic monitoring.

13 This bill would also make nonsubstantive,  
14 technical revisions to update the existing code  
15 language to current style.

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17 A BILL  
18 TO BE ENTITLED  
19 AN ACT

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21 Relating to supervision of violent offenders; to  
22 amend Section 14-8-2, Code of Alabama 1975, to require  
23 electronic monitoring for inmates in work release programs for  
24 certain offenses; and to make nonsubstantive, technical  
25 revisions to update the existing code language to current  
26 style.

27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1           Section 1. Sections 14-8-2, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "§14-8-2.

4           "(a) The ~~board is authorized to~~ department may adopt  
5 ~~regulations and policies~~ rules permitting the commissioner to  
6 extend the limits of ~~the place of~~ confinement of an inmate, ~~as~~  
7 ~~to whom~~ where there is ~~reasonable cause~~ reason to believe ~~he~~  
8 ~~will know his~~ the inmate will honor the trust placed in the  
9 inmate, by authorizing ~~him~~ the inmate, under prescribed  
10 conditions, to leave the confines of that place unaccompanied  
11 by a custodial agent for a prescribed period of time to work  
12 at paid employment while continuing as an inmate of the  
13 institution or facility in which he or she shall be confined  
14 except during the hours of ~~his~~ employment ~~or,~~ seeking ~~of~~  
15 employment, and traveling thereto and therefrom to and from  
16 places of employment. Inmates shall participate in paid  
17 employment at the discretion of the ~~board~~ department.

18           "(b) The ~~board~~ department may adopt ~~regulations~~  
19 rules as to the eligibility of those inmates who are  
20 classified as minimum security risks for the extension of  
21 confinement or the entering into agreement between the ~~board~~  
22 department and any city, county, or federal agency for the  
23 housing of these inmates in a local place of confinement. The  
24 ~~board~~ department shall, as the need becomes evident, designate  
25 and adapt facilities in the state prison system to accomplish  
26 the purpose of this article.

1                   "(c) As a condition of release pursuant to  
2                   subsection (a), any inmate convicted of a violent offense, as  
3                   provided in Section 12-25-32, shall be subject to electronic  
4                   monitoring.

5                   "(d) The department shall be responsible for the  
6                   costs of the electronic monitoring."

7                   Section 2. This act shall become effective on  
8                   October 1, 2020, following its passage and approval by the  
9                   Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.