HB151

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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, certain inmates are eligible for work release.

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

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

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
Section 1. Sections 14-8-2, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§14-8-2.

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

(b) The board department may adopt regulations rules as to the eligibility of those inmates who are classified as minimum security risks for the extension of confinement or the entering into agreement between the board department and any city, county, or federal agency for the housing of these inmates in a local place of confinement. The board department shall, as the need becomes evident, designate and adapt facilities in the state prison system to accomplish the purpose of this article.
"(c) As a condition of release pursuant to subsection (a), any inmate convicted of a violent offense, as provided in Section 12-25-32, shall be subject to electronic monitoring.

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

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