

~~2. In [1989,] 1997, the minimum educational standard shall be the 7th grade equivalent in reading on the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE); and~~

~~3. In [1990] 1998 and thereafter, the minimum educational standard shall be the 8th grade equivalent in reading on the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE);~~

(ii) The regulations shall only apply to any inmate who:

1. Is received by the Division of Correction after July 1, 1987;
2. Has ~~18~~ 12 months or more remaining to be served before a mandatory supervision release date;
3. Is not exempted due to a medical, developmental, or learning disability; AND
4. Does not possess a [verified] General Education Diploma (G.E.D.) or a VERIFIED high school diploma[; and
5. Does not attain a minimum educational standard in reading on the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE)];

(iii) Any inmate who is not exempted under subparagraph (ii)3 of this subsection shall participate in the :

1. THE mandatory education program for at least [90] ~~120~~ 120 calendar days; [and] OR

~~(iv) AN INMATE WHO HAS NO VERIFIED WORK EXPERIENCE SHALL PARTICIPATE IN~~

2. A VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM; AND

~~(iv)~~ (iv) The Division of Correction shall report to the Parole Commission the academic progress of an inmate in the mandatory education program.

(c) On or before June 30 of each year, the Council shall report its activities to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.

(d) (1) The Council shall actively advocate and promote the interests of educational programs and opportunities in correctional institutions. The Council shall seek to ensure that a quality education and equal educational opportunity are available to all inmates at correctional institutions.

(2) The Council shall on a regular basis review the program of instruction used in educational programs at correctional institutions to ensure that the unique educational needs of the populations of correctional institutions are being satisfactorily met.

(3) The Council shall include in its review:

(i) Curriculum guides;