

SENATE BILL No. 1603

November 6, 2008, Introduced by Senator SWITALSKI and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1953 PA 232, entitled
"Corrections code of 1953,"
(MCL 791.201 to 791.285) by adding section 68b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **SEC. 68B. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE FOR COLLEGE-LEVEL**
2 **CLASSES TO BE OFFERED TO PRISONERS IN ALL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.**
3 **THE COURSES SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY ACCREDITED COLLEGES OR**
4 **UNIVERSITIES, AND SHALL ALLOW PRISONERS TO ACCUMULATE CREDITS**
5 **TOWARD THE COMPLETION OF AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE. WHENEVER**
6 **POSSIBLE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ARRANGE FOR THE COURSES TO BE**
7 **OFFERED AT NO EXPENSE TO THE PRISONER OR THE DEPARTMENT, BUT IF**
8 **TUITION OR OTHER RELATED EXPENSES ARE CHARGED, THE PRISONER IS**
9 **RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THE TUITION AND EXPENSES.**

1 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALLOW PRISONERS TO ENROLL IN AND
2 PARTICIPATE IN HIGH-SCHOOL-LEVEL OR COLLEGE-LEVEL CORRESPONDENCE
3 COURSES AT THE PRISONER'S OWN EXPENSE.