

**House File 570 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 140)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to probation, including discharge credits,  
2 educational credits, and workforce credits, and including  
3 effective date provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 907.1, Code 2025, is amended by adding the  
2 following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 01. "*Adult criminal problem-solving court*"  
4 means a court program under direct supervision of a judge  
5 established to treat drug or alcohol addiction or mental illness  
6 of adults charged with criminal offenses.

7 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. "*Discharge credit*" means a fourteen-day  
8 reduction from a defendant's term of probation for each full  
9 calendar month the defendant is in compliance with the terms of  
10 the defendant's probation.

11 NEW SUBSECTION. 2B. "*Educational credit*" means a ninety-day  
12 reduction from a defendant's term of probation when a defendant  
13 earns a high school diploma, high school equivalency certificate,  
14 or academic degree or completes a certified vocational,  
15 technical, or career education or training program.

16 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. "*Special probation program*" means a  
17 program under the supervision of a district court or a judicial  
18 district department of correctional services established to  
19 treat drug or alcohol addiction, mental illness, or domestic or  
20 sexual abuse of the parties involved in a criminal case, or to  
21 improve outcomes for persons involved in the program including an  
22 intermediate criminal sanctions program under section 901B.1.

23 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. "*Workforce credit*" means a thirty-day  
24 reduction from a defendant's term of probation for each six-month  
25 period in which a defendant maintains verifiable employment.

26 Sec. 2. Section 907.9, Code 2025, is amended by adding the  
27 following new subsections:

28 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. a. On or after July 1, 2026, a defendant  
29 on probation shall earn a discharge credit from the defendant's  
30 term of probation for each full calendar month in which the  
31 defendant is in compliance with the terms of the defendant's  
32 probation.

33 b. A defendant shall not earn a discharge credit for a  
34 calendar month in which a violation has occurred, the defendant  
35 has absconded from probation, or the defendant is incarcerated,

1 except that a defendant shall be retroactively awarded a  
2 discharge credit for a calendar month in which a violation  
3 allegedly occurred if the violation is not sustained by the  
4 court.

5 c. A defendant shall not earn a discharge credit for a  
6 partial calendar month or the last full calendar month of  
7 probation.

8 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. On or after July 1, 2026, a defendant on  
9 probation shall earn an educational credit from the defendant's  
10 term of probation when a defendant earns a high school diploma,  
11 high school equivalency certificate, or academic degree or  
12 completes a certified vocational, technical, or career education  
13 or training program.

14 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. On or after July 1, 2026, a defendant  
15 on probation shall earn a workforce credit from the defendant's  
16 term of probation for each six-month period in which a defendant  
17 maintains verifiable employment for at least an average of  
18 thirty hours per week. The defendant's probation officer may  
19 verify such employment through supporting documentation, which  
20 may include but is not limited to any record, letter, pay stub,  
21 contract, or other department-approved methods of verification.

22 NEW SUBSECTION. 9. Beginning July 1, 2026, at least two  
23 times per year, the defendant's probation officer shall  
24 provide the defendant with an accounting of the defendant's  
25 discharge credits, educational credits, and workforce credits, if  
26 applicable, that have accrued under subsections 6, 7, and 8. The  
27 department of corrections shall, without leave of court, award  
28 any accrued credits under subsections 6, 7, and 8 toward the  
29 completion of the defendant's probation except that the maximum  
30 reduction of the defendant's probation term earned through the  
31 application of the credits shall not exceed forty percent of  
32 the probation period imposed and the defendant shall not be  
33 discharged from probation until the defendant's probation officer  
34 determines that fees imposed under section 904.912 and court debt  
35 collected pursuant to section 602.8107 have been paid or are

1 subject to a payment plan. The department of corrections shall  
2 adopt rules to implement the provisions of this subsection.

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 10. Subsections 6, 7, 8, and 9 shall not  
4 apply to proceedings in adult criminal problem-solving courts and  
5 special probation programs unless the problem-solving court or  
6 special probation program adopts some or all of subsections 6, 7,  
7 8, and 9.

8 NEW SUBSECTION. 11. Beginning July 1, 2026, the department  
9 of corrections shall collect information and report annually  
10 in a public report made available no later than December 1 of  
11 each year the number of defendants on probation who have earned  
12 discharge credits, educational credits, and workforce credits  
13 pursuant to subsections 6, 7, and 8 during that year, the average  
14 amount of credits earned per defendant during that year, the  
15 total number of supervision days reduced due to the awarding of  
16 credits during that year, and the number of defendants terminated  
17 from probation early that year.

18 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July 1, 2026.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This bill relates to probation, including discharge credits,  
23 educational credits, and workforce credits.

24 Iowa law provides that upon a plea of guilty, a verdict of  
25 guilty, or a special verdict upon which a judgment of conviction  
26 may be rendered, the trial court may defer judgment and may place  
27 the defendant on probation upon conditions as it may require,  
28 defer the sentence and assign the defendant to a judicial  
29 district department of correctional services, or suspend the  
30 sentence and place the defendant on probation upon such terms and  
31 conditions as it may require including commitment to an alternate  
32 jail facility or a community correctional residential treatment  
33 facility to be followed by a period of probation.

34 The bill provides that on or after July 1, 2026, a defendant  
35 on probation shall earn a discharge credit from the defendant's

1 term of probation for each full calendar month in which the  
2 defendant is in compliance with the terms of the defendant's  
3 probation. A defendant shall not earn a discharge credit  
4 for a calendar month in which a violation has occurred, the  
5 defendant has absconded from probation, or the defendant is  
6 incarcerated, except that a defendant shall be retroactively  
7 awarded a discharge credit for a calendar month in which a  
8 violation allegedly occurred if the violation is not sustained  
9 by the court. A defendant shall not earn a discharge credit  
10 for a partial calendar month or the last full calendar month of  
11 probation.

12 The bill provides that on or after July 1, 2026, a  
13 defendant on probation shall earn an educational credit from  
14 the defendant's term of probation when a defendant earns a high  
15 school diploma, high school equivalency certificate, or academic  
16 degree or completes a certified vocational, technical, or career  
17 education or training program.

18 The bill provides that on or after July 1, 2026, a  
19 defendant on probation shall earn a workforce credit from the  
20 defendant's term of probation for each six-month period in which  
21 a defendant maintains verifiable employment. The defendant's  
22 probation officer may verify such employment through supporting  
23 documentation.

24 The bill provides that beginning July 1, 2026, at least  
25 twice per year, the defendant's probation officer shall  
26 provide the defendant with an accounting of the defendant's  
27 discharge, educational, and workforce credits. The department  
28 of corrections shall, without leave of court, award any accrued  
29 credits toward the completion of the defendant's probation,  
30 except that the maximum reduction of the defendant's probation  
31 term earned through the application of credits shall not exceed  
32 40 percent of the probation period imposed and the defendant  
33 shall not be discharged from probation until the probation  
34 officer determines that fees and court debt have been paid  
35 off or are subject to a payment plan. A defendant may

1 seek administrative review and recalculation of the defendant's  
2 credits.

3 The bill provides that discharge, educational, and workforce  
4 credits earned by a defendant on probation shall not apply to  
5 proceedings in adult criminal problem-solving courts and special  
6 probation programs unless the problem-solving court or special  
7 probation program adopts some or all of the credit provisions.

8 Beginning July 1, 2026, the bill requires the department of  
9 corrections to report certain information annually in a public  
10 report made available no later than December 1 of each year.

11 The bill provides definitions for "adult criminal  
12 problem-solving court", "discharge credit", "educational credit",  
13 "special probation program", and "workforce credit".

14 The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

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