

No. 274

AN ACT

SB 1141

Amending the act of July 16, 1968 (Act No. 173), entitled "An act authorizing establishment of prisoner pre-release centers and work release plans under the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice and defining its powers and duties," further providing for release plans, further defining the crime of "escape" and authorizing transfers.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The title and sections 2 and 3, act of July 16, 1968 (Act No. 173), entitled "An act authorizing establishment of prisoner pre-release centers and work release plans under the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice and defining its powers and duties," are amended to read:

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Authorizing *the* establishment of prisoner pre-release centers and [work] release plans under the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice and defining its powers and duties.

Section 2. [Work] Release Plan for Prison Inmates.—(a) The Commissioner of Correction [of the Bureau of Correction, Department of Justice, may grant work release privileges to any] *may transfer any* person incarcerated in any pre-release center or in any pre-release center located in any State or Regional Penal or Correctional Institution under the supervision of the Bureau of Correction who has not been sentenced to death or life imprisonment, [providing the sentencing court does not object within ten days of receipt of notice that such privileges shall be granted.] *to any pre-release center under the supervision of the Department of Justice.*

(b) *Any person transferred to and confined in a pre-release center may be released therefrom temporarily with or without direct supervision at the discretion of the Bureau of Correction in accordance with rules and regulations as provided in section 3 of this act, for the purposes of gainful employment, vocational or technical training, academic education and such other lawful purposes as the bureau shall consider necessary and appropriate for the furtherance of the inmate's individual pre-release program.*

Section 3. Establishment of Rules and Regulations; Penalties.—The Bureau of Correction shall establish rules and regulations for granting [work release privileges and the administration of work] *and administering* release plans and shall determine those inmates who may participate in any plan. If any inmate violates the rules or regulations prescribed by the bureau, his [work] release privileges may be withdrawn. Failure of any inmate to report to or return from [planned employment] *the assigned place of*

employment, training, education or other authorized destination shall be deemed an escape under the provisions of section 309 of the act of June 24, 1939 (P.L.872), known as "The Penal Code."

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 2nd day of December, A. D. 1970.

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The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 274.


Secretary of the Commonwealth.