## **SENATE** STATE OF MINNESOTA NINETY-THIRD SESSION

A bill for an act

relating to corrections; modifying work release; expanding the Minnesota

Rehabilitation and Reinvestment Act formula to certain programs; amending

S.F. No. 4799

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Introduction and first reading Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 244.065, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 2023 1.4 Supplement, sections 244.41, subdivision 10; 244.50, subdivision 2. 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA: 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 244.065, subdivision 1, is amended to read: 1.7 Subdivision 1. Work. When consistent with the public interest and the public safety, 1.8 the commissioner of corrections may shall conditionally release an inmate to work at paid 1.9 employment, seek employment, or participate in a vocational training or educational program, 1.10 as provided in section 241.26, if the inmate agrees and has served at least one half of the 1.11 term of imprisonment. 1.12 1.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 244.41, subdivision 10, is amended to read: 1.14 1.15 Subd. 10. Incarcerated days saved. "Incarcerated days saved" means the number of days of an incarcerated person's original term of imprisonment minus the number of actual 1.16 days served, or served in a less expensive community-based setting, excluding days not 1.17 served due to death or as a result of time earned in the challenge incarceration program 1.18

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under sections 244.17 to 244.173.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 244.50, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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Subd. 2. Certifying earned incentive release savings. On or before the final closeout date of each fiscal year, the commissioner must certify to Minnesota Management and Budget the earned incentive release savings from the previous fiscal year. The commissioner must provide the detailed calculation substantiating the savings amount, including accounting-system-generated data where possible, supporting the direct-cost per diem and the incarcerated days saved. Savings under sections 244.17 to 244.173 and 244.065 shall be calculated the year of completion or failure of the program, minus any per diem program costs.

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