

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Hazouri, DeFoor, Morgan, Newby, Gaffney, Priestly Jackson,  
3 Bowman, Pittman, Freeman, Salem and White:  
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6 **ORDINANCE 2019-732**

7 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING A CORRECTIONS  
8 DEPARTMENT LITERACY PROGRAM WITHIN THE  
9 JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE; CREATING A NEW  
10 SECTION 37.115 (CORRECTION DEPARTMENT LITERACY  
11 PROGRAM), PART I (ORGANIZATION), CHAPTER 37  
12 (OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO  
13 CREATE THE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT LITERACY  
14 PROGRAM; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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16 **WHEREAS**, each year a multitude of citizens leave federal,  
17 state and local prisons to begin a new life after serving their  
18 sentences; and

19 **WHEREAS**, a 2014 U.S. National Research Council report noted  
20 that many people who enter into prisons do so with educational  
21 deficits and could benefit from education and literacy programs  
22 while incarcerated; and

23 **WHEREAS**, a 2014 study published by RAND Corporation (entitled  
24 "How Effective is Correctional Education, and Where Do We Go from  
25 Here") found that inmates who participated in correctional  
26 education programs had lower rates of recidivism, higher odds of  
27 obtaining employment upon release, and concluded such programs are  
28 cost effective in that monies spent on prison education could save  
29 on future re-incarceration costs; now therefore

30 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

31 **Section 1. Creating a new Section 37.115 (Corrections**

1 **Department Literacy Program), Ordinance Code.** Section 37.115  
2 (Corrections Department Literacy Program), Part I (Organization),  
3 Chapter 37 (Office of the Sheriff), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby  
4 created to read as follows:

5 **CHAPTER 37. OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF.**

6 **PART I. ORGANIZATION.**

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8 **Sec. 37.115. Corrections Department Literacy Program.**

9 The Sheriff is authorized to provide a literacy program within  
10 the Duval County Jail and Correction Facilities subject to annual  
11 appropriations or available funding. It is the intent of the  
12 Jacksonville Sheriff's Office to be committed to the safety of the  
13 Citizens of Jacksonville, and finds that an inmate provided with  
14 access to literacy is enabled to rehabilitate themselves and  
15 provide a better opportunity to themselves while incarcerated and  
16 after incarceration.

17 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become  
18 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
19 without the Mayor's signature.

20 Form Approved:

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22 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

23 Office of General Counsel

24 Legislation prepared by: Paige H. Johnston

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