

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** 2019-732

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Carlucci

**Date of Introduction:** October 8, 2019

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, F

**Date of Analysis:** October 7, 2019

**Type of Action:** Creation of new Section, *Ordinance Code*

**Bill Summary:** This bill creates a new Section 37.115, Part I, Chapter 37, *Ordinance Code* to authorize the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office to provide a literacy program within the Duval County Jail and Correction Facilities which will help those who are incarcerated with the process of re-entering society after release.

**Background Information:** The purpose of this legislation is to provide a literacy program for inmates incarcerated in the Duval County Jail and Correction Facilities, subject to annual appropriations or available funding. Research indicates that inmates who participate in correctional education programs have lower rates of recidivism, higher odds of obtaining employment upon release, and such programs are cost effective in that monies spent on prison education could save on future re-incarceration costs.

**Policy Impact Area:** JSO - Corrections Department Literacy Program

**Fiscal Impact:** Program funding to be determined

**Analyst:** Hampsey