

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

7 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING A CORRECTIONS
8 DEPARTMENT LITERACY PROGRAM WITHIN THE
9 JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE; CREATING A NEW
10 SECTION 37.115 (CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT
11 LITERACY PROGRAM), PART I (ORGANIZATION),
12 CHAPTER 37 (OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF), *ORDINANCE*
13 *CODE*, TO CREATE THE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT
14 LITERACY 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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