

General Assembly

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Corrected Copy **Proposed Bill No. 6398**



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by: REP. SANCHEZ, 6th Dist.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to establish a National Guard 2 Youth Challenge Program consistent with those established in other 3 states, in order to improve the educational attainment, life skills and 4 employment potential of youths from ages sixteen to twenty who are 5 not enrolled in high school and are at risk of incarceration, by providing 6 (1) academic coursework to aid in the completion of a high school 7 diploma or general educational development test, (2) health and 8 hygiene training, (3) employment skills training, (4) leadership training, 9 (5) life skills training, (6) opportunities for physical fitness, (7) 10 instruction on responsible citizenship, (8) opportunities for community 11 service, and (9) a personal mentor to assist each such youth in his or her 12 transition to adulthood.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a National Guard Youth Challenge Program for youths from ages sixteen to twenty.