

**SB 5370 - DIGEST**

Finds that the provision of occupational skills, employment experience, and job placement assistance to juvenile offenders is of particular value in reducing the recidivism rate of such offenders and reducing the potential for violent behavior by such offenders upon return to their communities.

Declares an intent that the educational and training needs of all juvenile offenders in state institutions and group homes be met in a manner that allows the youth to obtain gainful employment upon release. It is the purpose of this act to enhance the career options and job readiness of incarcerated youth.