

HB 2759 -- TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYING EX-OFFENDERS

SPONSOR: McCaherty

Beginning January 1, 2017, this bill authorizes a taxpayer to receive a tax credit equal to 50% of the amount of any donation made to an organization that works with ex-offenders to reduce recidivism. Tax credits are non-refundable but may be carried forward for four years. A taxpayer must donate at least \$100 to receive the credit.

The Department of Corrections is charged with determining whether an organization is qualified. To be qualified, an organization must be a valid 501(c)(3) organization that has reduced recidivism in the group of ex-offenders it has worked with by at least 70%. The director of the department must establish a procedure for taxpayers to determine which organizations are qualified and notify the Department of Revenue of any taxpayer wishing to claim a credit. The Department of Revenue may authorize up to \$2 million in tax credits under this section.

The provisions of the bill will expire six years from the effective date.

This bill is similar to SCS SB 1137 (2016).