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**AB 1940 (McCarty) Community Reintegration Credits**  
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**SUMMARY**

AB 1940 will reduce recidivism in California prisons and jails by incentivizing people on parole to meet educational goals and participate in rehabilitation programs beyond parole requirements.

**ISSUE**

Upon release from a state prison, formerly incarcerated individuals often enter supervised parole to help them successfully reintegrate into society.

California currently has a 20 to 1 parolee to staff ratio, which is expected to increase as criminal justice reforms continue. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation reported in the *2017 Outcome Evaluation Report* that the recidivism rate within the first three years of release onto parole is 46%. The high rate of recidivism means that more must be done to help parolees successfully reintegrate.

While parolees are encouraged to seek educational or job training programs needed to re-enter the workforce, they are provided no incentive for successfully completing an educational or job training program. Just as an incarcerated person can obtain time credit for good behavior while behind bars, no such incentive exists for parolees to complete education, job training or other recidivism reduction programs.

**SOLUTION**

AB 1940 will reduce recidivism and support the reintegration of former offenders by providing parolees with parole time credit for successfully meeting educational goals and participating in rehabilitation programs beyond parole requirements.

Utilizing successful education and job training programs, AB 1940 will create incentive based opportunities, shift parole monitoring goals to focus on goal orientated supervision, reduce taxpayer costs associated with parole and ultimately help parolees break California's failed cycle of recidivism to become a contributing member of society.

**SUPPORT**

Cut 50 (co-sponsor)

Anti-Recidivism Coalition (co-sponsor)