1 State of Arkansas

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5 By: Representative Adams

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW A COUNTY SHERIFF TO RELEASE NON

10 VIOLENT OFFENDERS AWAITING TRANSFER TO THE

11 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION OR THE DEPARTMENT OF

12 COMMUNITY PUNISHMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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16 RELEASE NON-VIOLENT OFFENDERS AWAITING

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19 PUNISHMENT.

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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25 　　SECTION 1. Post conviction release of non violet offenders.

26 　　(a) Any county sheriff may authorize the temporary release of an

27 offender in the sheriff's custody who has plead guilty or nolo contendere to,

28 or been found guilty of a non violent felony offense in circuit court, except

29 those non violent Class Y felony offenses under Arkansas Code § 16-93-611,

30 and who has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment and committed to the

31 Department of Correction or the Department of Community Punishment and is

32 awaiting transfer to the Department of Correction or the Department of

33 Community Punishment.

34 　　(b)(1) The sheriff may authorize the release under whatever terms and

35 conditions the sheriff believes are necessary to protect the public and to

36 ensure the offender's return to custody upon notice that bed space is

1   available at the Department of Correction or the Department of Community

2   Correction.

3   (2) The sheriff may require a cash or professional bond be

4   posted in an amount suitable to ensure the offender's return to custody.

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