

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2597

5 By: Representative Ledbetter
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE OFFENDERS UNDER THE SEVENTY
9 PERCENT RULE ELIGIBLE FOR GOOD TIME; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 AN ACT TO MAKE OFFENDERS UNDER THE
13 SEVENTY PERCENT RULE ELIGIBLE FOR GOOD
14 TIME.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-93-611 is amended to read as follows:
22 16-93-611. Class Y felonies.

23 (a)(1) Notwithstanding any law allowing the award of meritorious good
24 time or any other law to the contrary, any person who is found guilty of or
25 who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to:

26 (A) Murder in the first degree, § 5-10-102;

27 (B) Kidnapping, Class Y felony, § 5-11-102;

28 (C) Aggravated robbery, § 5-12-103;

29 (D) Rape, § 5-14-103;

30 (E) Causing a catastrophe, § 5-38-202(a);

31 (F) Manufacture of methamphetamine, § 5-64-401(a)(1)(i);

32 or

33 (G) Possession of drug paraphernalia with the intent to
34 manufacture methamphetamine, § 5-64-403(c)(5)

35 shall not, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, be
36 eligible for parole or community punishment transfer until the person serves



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1 seventy percent (70%) of the term of imprisonment to which the person is
2 sentenced, including a sentence prescribed under § 5-4-501.

3 (2)(A) The seventy percent (70%) provision of subdivision (a)(1)
4 of this section has no application to any person who is found guilty of or
5 pleads guilty or nolo contendere to kidnapping, Class B felony, § 5-11-102,
6 regardless of the date of the offense.

7 (B) Furthermore, the provisions of this section shall
8 apply retroactively to all persons presently serving a sentence for
9 kidnapping, Class B felony, § 5-11-102.

10 (3) The seventy percent (70%) provision under subdivision (a)(1)
11 of this section shall include credit for the award of meritorious good time,
12 regardless of the date of the offense.

13 (b) The sentencing judge, in his or her discretion, may waive
14 subsection (a) of this section under the following circumstances:

- 15 (1) The defendant was a juvenile at the time of the offense;
- 16 (2) The juvenile was merely an accomplice to the offense; and
- 17 (3) The offense occurred on or after July 28, 1995.

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