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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 781

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE EARNING OF MERITORIOUS GOOD  
10 TIME CREDITS BY AN INMATE A LOCAL CORRECTIONAL  
11 FACILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

15 CONCERNING THE EARNING OF MERITORIOUS  
16 GOOD TIME CREDITS BY AN INMATE IN A LOCAL  
17 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-41-101 is amended to read as follows:  
23 12-41-101. Good time allowance.

24 (a) An inmate committed by any court in Arkansas to a county jail or  
25 city jail in the State of Arkansas may be entitled to a reduction, to be  
26 known as "meritorious good time", from his or her maximum term of ~~up to ten~~  
27 ~~(10) days for each month~~ his or her sentence to be served in the county jail  
28 ~~or city jails maintained in the State of Arkansas by the various counties and~~  
29 ~~municipalities~~ jail.

30 (b)(1) Meritorious good time shall be awarded under the rules and  
31 regulations promulgated by the county sheriff or chief of police and approved  
32 by the county quorum court of the various counties or the city legislative  
33 body of the various cities.

34 (2) ~~It~~ Meritorious good time shall be administered by the county  
35 sheriff or chief of police, subject to ~~the provisions of~~ this subchapter, for  
36 good discipline, good behavior, work practices, and job responsibilities



1 within the county jail or city jail.

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3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-41-102 is amended to read as follows:  
4 12-41-102. Good time – Classification of inmates.

5 (a) There is established a classification committee consisting of such  
6 persons as the county sheriff or chief of police may designate.

7 (b) The committee shall meet as often as necessary to classify the  
8 inmates of the county jail or city jail into one (1) of three (3) classes  
9 according to behavior, good discipline, and job responsibility.

10 (c)(1) Inmates in Class I shall be allowed to earn ~~ten (10) days'~~ a  
11 one (1) day reduction for each ~~month~~ day served~~+~~.

12 (2) ~~Those~~ Inmates in Class II shall be allowed to earn ~~five (5)~~  
13 ten (10) days' reduction for each month served~~+~~ and.

14 (3) ~~Those~~ Inmates in Class III shall not be entitled to earn  
15 meritorious good time.

16 (d) Inmates of the county jail or city jail may be reclassified as  
17 often as the committee deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
18 subchapter and to maintain good discipline and efficiency at the county or  
19 city jail.

20 ~~(e) Those inmates sentenced to the county or city jail under this~~  
21 ~~subchapter shall not receive more than ten (10) days of meritorious good time~~  
22 ~~for each month served.~~