

"AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR GOOD TIME AWARDS FOR THOSE PERSONS INCARCERATED AWAITING DELIVERY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION."

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

SECTION 1. Any person who is sentenced by a circuit court to the Department of Correction and is awaiting transfer to the Department of Correction and that delay is due to lack of space within the Department of Correction, causing the Department of Correction to be unable to accept the prisoner, may earn meritorious good time at the Class III level the same being eight (8) days for each month served.

SECTION 2. The Department of Correction shall solicit the recommendation of the sheriff(s) of the county where the inmate was housed prior to incarceration within the Department of Correction. Meritorious good time will only be given for being housed in a jail, awaiting transfer on the conviction resulting in sentence(s) from that county. Meritorious good time will be calculated upon reception within the Department of Correction.

SECTION 3. Meritorious good time will be awarded only after the sheriff recommends it and only then on the prisoner's good and orderly behavior, good discipline and conduct, and performance of duties and responsibilities as assigned.

SECTION 4. This good time award is subject to all rules and regulations regarding meritorious good time, included but not limited for forfeiture, as adopted by the Board of Correction.

SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that due to the current backup of prisoners, this Act is immediately necessary to maintain good discipline and efficiency within the criminal justice system. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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