

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

ACT 876 OF 1997
HOUSE BILL 1372

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5 By: Representatives Young, Kidd, Luker, McJunkin, McKissack, Miller, Willems, Bush, DeLay, Joe Hudson, Mullenix, Ferrell, and
6 Hogue
7 By: Senators Bradford, Canada, and Scott

For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 12-29-202 PERTAINING TO
11 GOOD TIME EARNED BY PRISON INMATES; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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15 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 12-29-202
16 PERTAINING TO GOOD TIME EARNED BY PRISON
17 INMATES."

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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 12-29-202 is amended to read as follows:

22 "§ 12-29-202. Classification committee - Classifications.

23 (a)(1) There is established a classification committee to be defined by
24 administrative regulations approved by the Board of Correction and Community
25 Punishment.

26 (2) Members of the committee will be selected by wardens or
27 supervisors of the various units, facilities, or centers of the departments
28 per board regulation governing their selection.

29 (3) This committee shall meet as often as necessary to classify
30 the inmates into ~~sufficient~~ no more than four (4) classes according to good
31 behavior, good discipline, medical condition, job responsibilities, and
32 involvement in rehabilitative activities.

33 (b)(1) Inmates who maintain class through good behavior, good
34 discipline, work practices, job responsibilities, and involvement in
35 rehabilitative activities may earn up to ~~thirty (30) days~~ one (1) day for
36 every day served as a reduction toward their transfer eligibility date for

1 each ~~month~~ day incarcerated after the imposition of sentence.

2 (2) Inmates who are reduced to the lowest class, established
3 through board policy, as a result of disciplinary action shall not be entitled
4 to earn meritorious good time.

5 (3) Inmates serving a punitive disciplinary sentence in punitive
6 segregation shall not be entitled to earn meritorious good time.

7 ~~—(c) Meritorious good time will be allotted to each inmate on a monthly
8 basis such that the inmate receives one (1) day for every day served, not to
9 exceed thirty (30) days per month.~~

10 ~~—(d) (c)~~ Inmates may be reclassified as often as the committee deems
11 necessary or in accordance with current board regulations to carry out the
12 purpose of this subchapter and to maintain good discipline, order, and
13 efficiency at the units, facilities, or centers."
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15 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
16 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
17 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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19 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
20 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
21 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
22 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
23 act are declared to be severable.
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25 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
26 hereby repealed.
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29 APPROVED: 3-27-97
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