

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 2513

5 By: Representatives Lowery, D. Johnson, Bond
6 By: Senator Luker
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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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13 **Subtitle**

14 AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF
15 CORRECTIONS.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-29-202 is amended to read as follows:*

21 *12-29-202. Classification committee - Classifications.*

22 *(a)(1) There is established a classification committee to be defined*
23 *by administrative regulations approved by the Board of Corrections.*

24 *(2) Members of the committee shall be selected by wardens or*
25 *supervisors of the various units, facilities, or centers of the Department of*
26 *Correction and Department of Community Correction per board regulation*
27 *governing their selection.*

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

32 *(b)(1) An inmate who maintains class through good behavior, good*
33 *discipline, work practices, job responsibilities, and involvement in*
34 *rehabilitative activities may earn up to one (1) day for every day served as*
35 *a reduction toward his or her transfer eligibility date for each day*



1 *incarcerated after the imposition of sentence.*

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

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

7 *(c) An inmate may be reclassified as often as the committee deems*
8 *necessary or in accordance with current board regulations to carry out the*
9 *purpose of this subchapter and to maintain good discipline, order, and*
10 *efficiency at the units, facilities, or centers.*

11 *(d)(1) Upon recommendation of the committee, the Director of the*
12 *Department of Correction may award ~~up to ninety (90) additional days~~ an*
13 *amount of meritorious good time sufficient to reduce incarceration time by up*
14 *to ninety (90) days, not to exceed a total of two hundred seventy (270) days,*
15 *for each successful completion of a:*

16 *(A) State-sponsored general education development*
17 *certificate program;*

18 *(B) Vocational program for which certification is awarded;*
19 *or*

20 *(C) Drug or alcohol treatment program offered at a*
21 *Department of Correction facility.*

22 *(2)(A) The additional days of meritorious good time described in*
23 *subdivision (d)(1) of this section shall be awarded pursuant to rules*
24 *promulgated by the board.*

25 *(B) The board may make additions, amendments, changes, or*
26 *alterations to the rules in accordance with the Arkansas Administrative*
27 *Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.*

28 *(e) In no event shall the awarding of meritorious good time under*
29 *subdivision (d)(1) of this section be applicable to persons sentenced under §*
30 *16-93-611(a)(1)(A)-(E).*

31 *(f) A jury may be instructed pursuant to § 16-97-103 regarding the*
32 *awarding of meritorious good time under subdivision (d)(1) of this section.*

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34 */s/ Lowery, et al*

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36 *APPROVED: 4/5/2007*