Call Item 8 1 State of Arkansas A Bill **ACT 9 OF 1994** 2 **79th General Assembly** SENATE BILL 3 First Extraordinary Session, 1994 By: Senators Bell, Bookout, Russ and Dowd 5 6 For An Act To Be Entitled 7 "AN ACT TO ALLOW PERSONS WHO COMMITTED A TARGET OFFENSE R PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1994, TO BE ELIGIBLE TO FOR TRANSFER 9 TO A COMMUNITY PUNISHMENT FACILITY ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY 10 (120) DAYS PRIOR TO THEIR PROJECTED PAROLE ELIGIBILITY AND MINIMUM RELEASE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES." 12 13 Subtitle 14 15 "TO ALLOW PERSONS WHO COMMITTED A TARGET 16 OFFENSE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR TRANSFER TO 17 COMMUNITY PUNISHMENT." 18 19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 16-93-206(b)(1) is amended to read 22 as follows: 23 "(b)(1)(A)(i) For persons who commit felonies, except those enumerated 24 in subdivision (c)(1) of this section, on or after January 1, 1994, under the 25 provisions of a transfer date, the Department of Correction will transfer 26 inmates to the Department of Community Punishment subject to rules and 27 regulations promulgated by the Board of Correction and Community Punishment 28 and conditions set by the Post Prison Transfer Board. (ii) For persons who committed felonies prior to 29 30 January 1, 1994, and who are within a target group as defined under the 31 Community Punishment Act, Arkansas Code Annotated 16-93-1201, et seq., the 32 Post Prison Transfer Board may transfer persons based on conditions set by the 33 Post Prison Transfer Board and subject to rules and regulations promulgated by 34 the Post Prison Transfer Board. (B) The conditions under which transfer shall occur 35

36 include, but are not limited to, level of supervision, economic fee sanction,

- 1 treatment program, and other conditions relevant to the individual under 2 review.
- 3 (C) This review may be conducted without a hearing when the
- 4 inmate has not received a major disciplinary report against him which resulted
- 5 in the loss of good time, there has not been a request by a victim to have
- 6 input on transfer conditions, and there is no indication in the risk needs
- 7 assessment review that special conditions need to be placed on the inmate."

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- 9 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated § 16-93-1301(b) is amended to read 10 as follows:
- "(b)(1) Persons who committed felonies prior to January 1, 1994, and
- 12 who were convicted and incarcerated for those felonies, shall be eligible for
- 13 release on parole in accordance with the parole eligibility law in effect at
- 14 the time the crime was committed.
- 15 (2) Persons who committed felonies prior to January 1, 1994, and
- 16 who are within a target group as currently defined under the Community
- 17 Punishment Act, Arkansas Code Annotated § 16-93-1201, et seq., shall be
- 18 eligible for transfer to a community punishment facility one hundred and
- 19 twenty (120) days prior to their projected parole eligibility and minimum
- 20 release date."

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- 22 SECTION 3. The inmate transfer provisions in Arkansas Code Annotated
- 23 §16-93-206(b)(1)(A)(ii) and §16-93-1301(b)(2) shall expire on April 1, 1995.

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- 25 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
- 26 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
- 27 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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- 29 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
- 30 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
- 31 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
- 32 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
- 33 act are declared to be severable.

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35 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are

1	hereby repealed.
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3	SECTION 7. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the
4	Seventy-Ninth General Assembly that the correctional policies of the State of
5	Arkansas are in need of immediate reform in order to better provide for a
6	balanced correctional system and to better effectuate the rehabilitation of
7	persons convicted of crimes and to make possible their return as useful
8	members of the community and passage of this act is necessary to facilitate
9	these reforms. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this
10	act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
11	and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and
12	approval.
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