

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill 144**

CONCERNING THE BACKLOG OF INMATES AWAITING TRANSFER TO THE DIVISION  
OF CORRECTION; AND TO ALLOW THE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS TO ENTER INTO  
COUNTY JAIL- STATE INMATE CLOSE-TO-HOME SENTENCING PARTNERSHIPS.

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**Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 144**

Amend Senate Bill 144 as engrossed S2/18/25 (version: 2/18/25 09:10:18 AM):

Page 1, delete lines 10 through 14, and substitute the following:

"TRANSFER TO THE DIVISION OF CORRECTION; TO PROVIDE FOR A DESIGNATED  
DIAGNOSTIC INTAKE FACILITY; TO ALLOW THE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS TO ENTER INTO  
COUNTY JAIL-STATE INMATE CLOSE-TO-HOME PARTNERSHIPS WITH CERTAIN COUNTIES TO  
CONSTRUCT, EXPAND, OR IMPROVE A FACILITY TO HOUSE INMATES; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety, and substitute the following:

"CONCERNING THE BACKLOG OF INMATES  
AWAITING TRANSFER TO THE DIVISION OF  
CORRECTION; TO PROVIDE FOR A DESIGNATED  
DIAGNOSTIC INTAKE FACILITY; AND TO CREATE  
COUNTY JAIL-STATE INMATE CLOSE-TO-HOME  
PARTNERSHIPS."

AND

Delete SECTION 1 in its entirety, and substitute the following:



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"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 28, Subchapter 1 is amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

12-28-110. Facility to house county jail backlog.

(a) The Board of Corrections may purchase, fund, construct, expand, or improve a facility to house inmates sentenced to the Division of Correction who are awaiting transfer to a prison:

(1) In a county that is one (1) of the eight (8) counties that contribute the most inmates to the total inmate population in the custody of the division; or

(2) Upon the approval of the quorum court of the county, in a county that adjoins one (1) of the eight (8) counties that contribute the most inmates to the total inmate population in the custody of the division.

(b) The division shall determine the eight (8) eligible counties under subsection (a) of this section based upon the total inmate population that existed as of January 1, 2025.

12-28-111. Diagnostic intake facility.

(a) The Division of Correction, with the approval of the Board of Corrections, shall provide a correctional facility in Washington County, Benton County, Crawford County, or Sebastian County to carry out the diagnostic intake process for new adult inmates.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section does not prohibit the use of another correctional facility to carry out the diagnostic intake process for new adult inmates."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator B. King

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Secretary