

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-134

2 State of Arkansas

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6 By: Representative C. Douglas

7 Filed with: Arkansas Legislative Council

8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

## 9 For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL RELEASE OF AN INMATE FROM  
11 THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## 14 Subtitle

15 CONCERNING MEDICAL RELEASE OF AN INMATE  
16 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

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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 § 12-29-404(c), concerning the Parole Board's*  
22 *determination whether an inmate is eligible for transfer to parole due to his*  
23 *or her medical condition, is amended to read as follows:*

24 *(c)(1)(A) Upon receipt of a communication described in subsection (b)*  
25 *of this section, the board shall assemble or request all such information as*  
26 *is germane to determine whether the inmate is eligible under this section for*  
27 *immediate transfer to parole supervision.*

28 *(B) A person sentenced to life without parole is eligible*  
29 *for immediate transfer to parole supervision under this section.*

30 *(2) If the facts warrant and the board is satisfied that the*  
31 *inmate's physical condition makes the inmate no longer a threat to public*  
32 *safety, the board may approve the inmate for immediate transfer to parole*  
33 *supervision.*

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35 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 93, Subchapter 7, is*  
36 *amended to add an additional section to read as follows:*

1       16-93-713. Parole eligibility for a person serving a sentence of life  
2 without parole.

3       A person who was convicted of an offense and sentenced to life without  
4 parole is eligible for transfer to parole supervision under § 12-29-404.

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6       SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Retroactivity.

7       A person serving a sentence of life without the possibility of parole  
8 for an offense committed before the effective date of this act is eligible  
9 for parole supervision under § 12-29-404.

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