



**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RULES REPORT
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

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Act #	Title	Description	Status Update	New/Amend/Repeal & Title	Effective Date
659 § 112	TO CREATE THE PROTECT ARKANSAS ACT; TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING SENTENCING AND PAROLE; TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING CERTAIN CRIMINAL OFFENSES; AND TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE RECIDIVISM REDUCTION TASK FORCE.	The Secretary of Corrections shall adopt rules authorizing the visitation of an inmate who is a parent of one (1) or more minor children and who has a low or minimum-security classification with his or her minor children under listed requirements.	Draft under review by Secretary.	New Title: Visitation	1/1/2024
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659 § 2	TO CREATE THE PROTECT ARKANSAS ACT; TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING SENTENCING AND PAROLE; TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING CERTAIN CRIMINAL OFFENSES; AND TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE RECIDIVISM REDUCTION TASK FORCE.	The Post-Prison Transfer Board (formerly Arkansas Parole Board) shall adopt rules concerning consideration of transfer to and revocation of post-release supervision.	Drafting in progress.	New Title: TBD	1/1/2025
659 § 2	TO CREATE THE PROTECT ARKANSAS ACT; TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING SENTENCING AND PAROLE; TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING CERTAIN CRIMINAL OFFENSES; AND TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE RECIDIVISM REDUCTION TASK FORCE.	The Sentencing Commission shall adopt a rule determining which offenses are eligible to earn release credits of up to fifty percent (50%) of the sentence imposed by the sentencing court and which offenses are eligible to earn release credits of up to seventy-five percent (75%) of the sentence imposed by the sentencing court.	Public Comment ends 05/20/2024	New Title: Eligibility for transfer to Post-Release Supervision	1/1/2025
Multiple	Various statutes creating or modifying criminal offenses.	There were several criminal offenses created or modified by the 94th General Assembly. These offenses must be ranked by the Sentencing Commission	COMPLETE Amended rule effective 1/1/24	Amendment to Sentencing Standards Grid and Seriousness Reference Table	Multiple