

State of Arkansas

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SENATE BILL 301

By: Senators Russ, Hoofman, Hardin, Wilson and Nelson

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 5 OF ACT 510 OF 1971, AS AMENDED,
[ARK. STAT. 46-120.3]."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Act 510 of 1971, as amended, the same being Arkansas Statute 46-120.3, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 5. There is hereby established a Classification Committee(s) to be defined by Administrative Regulations approved by the Board of Correction. Members of the committee(s) will be selected by wardens or supervisors of the various units or centers of the Department per the current Department regulation governing their selection and approved by the Director. This committee(s) shall meet as often as necessary to classify the inmates into four (4) classes according to behavior, good discipline, medical condition, and job responsibility. Inmates in Class I shall be allowed to earn thirty (30) days reduction for each month served in the Department of Correction. Those in Class II shall be allowed to earn twenty (20) days reduction for each month served in the Department of Correction; those in Class III shall be allowed to earn eight (8) days for each month served in the Department of Correction; those in Class IV shall not be entitled to earn "Meritorious Good Time". Inmates may be reclassified as often as the committee(s) deems necessary and/or in accordance with current Department regulations to carry out the purpose of this Act (Subsections 46-120 - 46-120.3, 46-120.5) and to maintain good discipline, order and efficiency at the institutions. Upon recommendation of the classification committee(s) the Director may recommend to the Board of Correction up to ninety (90) additional days of meritorious good time awards for such completion(s) as rehabilitative programs, special jobs performed, and/or as a result of heroic acts or other exceptional circumstances. These awards will be given as defined by Administrative

Regulation approved by the Board of Correction."

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that rewards for rehabilitation are important tools and that this Act provides such rewards and should be given immediate effect. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

