

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1110

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5 By: Representatives Ferrell and Hogue

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 12-29-202 TO
10 REMOVE THE MANDATORY MERITORIOUS GOOD TIME PROVISION IN
11 ORDER TO PROVIDE GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
12 CORRECTION IN GRANTING MERITORIOUS GOOD TIME; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

16 "TO REMOVE THE MANDATORY MERITORIOUS
17 GOOD TIME PROVISION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE
18 GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
19 CORRECTION IN GRANTING MERITORIOUS GOOD
20 TIME"

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

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 12-29-202 is amended to read as
25 follows:

26 "12-29-202. Classification committee - Classifications.

27 (a)(1) There is established a classification committee to be defined by
28 administrative regulations approved by the Board of Correction and Community
29 Punishment.

30 (2) Members of the committee will be selected by wardens or
31 supervisors of the various units, facilities, or centers of the departments
32 per board regulation governing their selection.

33 (3) This committee shall meet as often as necessary to classify
34 the inmates into ~~sufficient~~ no more than four (4) classes according to good
35 behavior, good discipline, medical condition, job responsibilities, and
36 involvement in rehabilitative activities.

1 (b)(1) Inmates who maintain class through good behavior, good
 2 discipline, work practices, job responsibilities, and involvement in
 3 rehabilitative activities may earn ~~thirty (30) days'~~ meritorious good time up
 4 to a maximum of twenty (20) days reduction toward their transfer eligibility
 5 date for each month incarcerated after the imposition of sentence.

6 (2) Inmates who are reduced to the lowest class, established
 7 through board policy, as a result of disciplinary action shall not be entitled
 8 to earn meritorious good time.

9 (3) Inmates serving a punitive disciplinary sentence in punitive
 10 segregation shall not be entitled to earn meritorious good time.

11 (c) Meritorious good time will be allotted to each inmate on a monthly
 12 basis in accordance with their classification. ~~such that the inmate receives~~
 13 ~~one (1) day for every day served, not to exceed thirty (30) days per month.~~

14 (d) Inmates may be reclassified as often as the committee deems
 15 necessary or in accordance with current board regulations to carry out the
 16 purpose of this subchapter and to maintain good discipline, order, and
 17 efficiency at the units, facilities, or centers."
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19 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
 20 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
 21 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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23 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
 24 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
 25 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
 26 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
 27 act are declared to be severable.
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29 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
 30 hereby repealed.
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