

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2034

5 By: Representatives McGee, Shoffner, Whorton, Thomas, Milum, and Hausam
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 12, CHAPTER 29,
10 SUBCHAPTER 2 CONCERNING THE USE OF MERITORIOUS GOOD TIME;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."
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Subtitle

14 "AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF
15 MERITORIOUS GOOD TIME."
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 29, Subchapter 2, is amended
21 to add the following new section:

22 "12-29-206. (a) The Board of Correction and Community Punishment shall
23 give special consideration in awarding meritorious good time for inmate
24 participation in educational and rehabilitative programs offered through the
25 Department of Correction. Meritorious good time awarded under this section
26 will be administered in accordance with regulations approved by the Board of
27 Correction and Community Punishment.

28 (b) An inmate shall not be entitle to meritorious good time under the
29 provisions of this section unless the inmate has met one (1) of the following
30 conditions:

31 (1) the inmate has attained or is enrolled in a program to attain
32 a high school diploma;

33 (2) the inmate has attained or is enrolled in a program to attain
34 a general education development certificate;

35 (3) the inmate has received or is enrolled in a program to
36 receive a certificate of completion of a vocational-technical school; or

1 (4) an intelligence test shows that the inmate does not have the
2 mental capacity to achieve a high school diploma, a general education
3 development certificate, or certificate of completion of a vocational-
4 technical school."

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6 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
7 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
8 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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10 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
11 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
12 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
13 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
14 act are declared to be severable.

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16 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
17 hereby repealed.

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/s/McGee et al

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