Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

State of Arkansas
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## A Bill

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## By: Representative Adams

## For An Act To Be Entitled

an act to allow a county Sheriff to temporarily RELEASE NONVIOLENT OFFENDERS AWAITING TRANSFER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION OR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY CORRECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT TO ALLOW A COUNTY SHERIFF TO TEMPORARILY RELEASE NONVIOLENT OFFENDERS AWAITING TRANSFER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION OR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY CORRECTION.

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

SECTION 1. Post-conviction release of nonviolent offenders.
(a) Any county sheriff may authorize the temporary release of an offender in the sheriff's custody who has:
(1) Pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to or been found guilty of a nonviolent felony offense in circuit court except nonviolent Class $Y$ felony offenses listed in § 16-93-611; and
(2) Been sentenced to a term of imprisonment and committed to the Department of Correction or the Department of Community Correction and is awaiting transfer to the Department of Correction or the Department of Community Correction.
(b) (1) The sheriff may authorize the release under the terms and conditions which the sheriff determines are necessary to protect the public and to ensure the offender's return to custody upon notice that bed space is
available at the Department of Correction or the Department of Community



Correction.
(2) The sheriff may require a cash or professional bond to be
posted in an amount suitable to ensure the offender's return to custody.

