

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.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2720

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MINIMIZE THE SPREAD OF THE INFECTIOUS  
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11 BY INMATES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION; TO  
12 REQUIRE TESTING OR SCREENING OF INMATES UNDER  
13 CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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21 CIRCUMSTANCES.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-29-112 is amended to read as follows:  
27 12-29-112. Discharge or release.

28 (a) Inmates released upon completion of their term or released on  
29 parole shall be supplied with satisfactory clothing and a travel subsidy as  
30 prescribed by the Board of Corrections.

31 (b) Upon release of any inmate from any unit or center of the  
32 Department of Correction, the department shall provide transportation for the  
33 inmate to the closest commercial transportation pick-up point.

34 (c) Before the release of an inmate from any unit or center of the  
35 department, the department shall provide:

36 (1) Testing or screening of the inmate for hepatitis B and



1 hepatitis C; and  
2 (2) Counseling regarding treatment options if the inmate tests  
3 positive for hepatitis B or hepatitis C.

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