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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 652

5 By: Senator G. Leding  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT AMENDING THE FAIR SENTENCING FOR MINORS ACT;  
9 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

11 AMENDING THE FAIR SENTENCING FOR MINORS  
12 ACT.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-93-621(a)(1), concerning the parole  
20 eligibility of a person who was a minor at the time he or she committed an  
21 offense, is amended to read as follows:

22 (a)(1)(A) A minor who was convicted and sentenced to the former  
23 Department of Correction or the Division of Correction for an offense  
24 committed before he or she was eighteen (18) years of age and in which the  
25 death of another person did not occur is eligible for release on parole no  
26 later than after twenty (20) years of incarceration, including any applicable  
27 sentencing enhancements, and including an instance in which multiple  
28 sentences are to be served consecutively or concurrently, unless by law the  
29 minor is eligible for earlier parole eligibility.

30 (B) Subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section applies  
31 retroactively to a minor whose offense was committed before he or she was  
32 eighteen (18) years of age, including a minor serving a sentence of life,  
33 regardless of the original sentences that were imposed.  
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