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SENATE BILL 573

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO MINORS IN A  
10 STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; CONCERNING PAROLE  
11 DISCHARGE FOR OFFENDERS WHO ARE MINORS; CONCERNING  
12 THE REINSTATEMENT OF CERTAIN RIGHTS FOR MINORS WHO  
13 ARE OFFENDERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

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

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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 29, Subchapter 1, is  
28 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

29 12-29-117. Educational, training, and rehabilitative programs.

30 An inmate who was convicted and sentenced as an adult for an offense he  
31 or she committed before he or she attained eighteen (18) years of age shall  
32 not be prevented from participating in an educational, training, or  
33 rehabilitative program that is otherwise available to other inmates in the  
34 general population of the correctional facility in which he or she is housed.

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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 93, Subchapter 6, is



1 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

2 16-93-622. Parole discharge for offenders who are minors –  
3 Reinstatement of rights.

4 (a) The Parole Board may discharge a person from parole if:

5 (1) The person:

6 (A) Was released on parole under § 16-93-621 for having  
7 committed an offense as a minor; and

8 (B) Has served at least five (5) years on parole without a  
9 violation; and

10 (2) The prosecuting attorney in the county where the person was  
11 originally convicted has consented to the discharge of the person from  
12 parole.

13 (b) Unless otherwise provided by Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51,  
14 a person who has been discharged from parole under subsection (a) of this  
15 section shall have his or her constitutional right to vote restored.

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*/s/G. Leding*

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