

# Hall of the House of Representatives

86th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2007

## Amendment Form

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### Subtitle of House Bill No. 2513

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS."

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### Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2513.

Amend House Bill No. 2513 as originally introduced:

Add Representatives D. Johnson and Bond as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Add Senator Luker as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-29-202 is amended to read as follows:  
12-29-202. Classification committee - Classifications.

(a)(1) There is established a classification committee to be defined by administrative regulations approved by the Board of Corrections.

(2) Members of the committee shall be selected by wardens or supervisors of the various units, facilities, or centers of the Department of Correction and Department of Community Correction per board regulation governing their selection.

(3) This committee shall meet as often as necessary to classify the inmates into no more than four (4) classes according to good behavior, good discipline, medical condition, job responsibilities, and involvement in rehabilitative activities.

(b)(1) An inmate who maintains class through good behavior, good discipline, work practices, job responsibilities, and involvement in rehabilitative activities may earn up to one (1) day for every day served as a reduction toward his or her transfer eligibility date for each day incarcerated after the imposition of sentence.

(2) An inmate who is reduced to the lowest class, established through board policy, as a result of disciplinary action shall not be entitled to earn meritorious good time.

(3) An inmate serving a punitive disciplinary sentence in punitive segregation shall not be entitled to earn meritorious good time.

(c) An inmate may be reclassified as often as the committee deems necessary or in accordance with current board regulations to carry out the



purpose of this subchapter and to maintain good discipline, order, and efficiency at the units, facilities, or centers.

(d)(1) Upon recommendation of the committee, the Director of the Department of Correction may award ~~up to ninety (90) additional days~~ an amount of meritorious good time sufficient to reduce incarceration time by up to ninety (90) days, not to exceed a total of two hundred seventy (270) days, for each successful completion of a:

- (A) State-sponsored general education development certificate program;
  - (B) Vocational program for which certification is awarded;
- or
- (C) Drug or alcohol treatment program offered at a Department of Correction facility.

(2)(A) The additional days of meritorious good time described in subdivision (d)(1) of this section shall be awarded pursuant to rules promulgated by the board.

(B) The board may make additions, amendments, changes, or alterations to the rules in accordance with the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

(e) In no event shall the awarding of meritorious good time under subdivision (d)(1) of this section be applicable to persons sentenced under § 16-93-611(a)(1)(A)-(E).

(f) A jury may be instructed pursuant to § 16-97-103 regarding the awarding of meritorious good time under subdivision (d)(1) of this section."

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_  
By: Representative Lowery  
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Chief Clerk