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FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2477

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[ prisons and reformatories - Department of  
Corrections - develop written guidelines - Pardon  
and Parole Board - termination dates - defining  
term - effective date ]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 273, O.S.L.  
2022 (57 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 512.1), is amended to read as  
follows:

Section 512.1 A. Every offender released to parole supervision  
or administrative parole may be eligible to earn credits for  
compliance with the terms and conditions of parole supervision or  
administrative parole that reduce the term of supervision or  
administrative parole. For every calendar month of compliance with  
the terms and conditions of parole supervision or administrative  
parole, the Department of Corrections ~~may~~ shall award the offender

1 earned credits equal to thirty (30) calendar days to be applied  
2 toward a reduction of the parole supervision or administrative  
3 parole period. For the purposes of this section, "compliance" may  
4 be defined as the absence of a violation report submitted by a  
5 probation and parole officer during a calendar month. No person  
6 convicted of an offense under Section 13.1 or subsection C, D, E, F,  
7 G, or J of Section 644 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be  
8 eligible for earned credits pursuant to this section.

9 B. The Department of Corrections may develop written policies  
10 and procedures necessary for the implementation of earned credits as  
11 authorized pursuant to this section. The policies and procedures  
12 developed by the Department of Corrections may include, but are not  
13 limited to, written guidelines regarding the process to earn credits  
14 and the application of the credits toward the reduction of the term  
15 of supervision or administrative parole, the collection of data  
16 related to who earns credit, how much is applied and how much of the  
17 supervision or administrative parole period is reduced.

18 C. The Department ~~may~~ shall maintain a record of credits earned  
19 by an offender under this section. At least every six (6) months  
20 from the date the offender is placed on parole supervision or  
21 administrative parole, the Department may notify the offender of the  
22 current parole supervision or administrative parole termination  
23 date.

1 D. The Department may notify the Pardon and Parole Board of the  
2 impending parole supervision or administrative parole termination  
3 date not less than thirty (30) days prior to the expected date.  
4 However, nothing in this section may prohibit the Department from  
5 requesting an earlier parole supervision or administrative parole  
6 termination date.

7 E. A person on parole who completes the following diplomas,  
8 higher education degrees, or training shall receive the  
9 corresponding lump sum of earned credits:

10 1. Ninety (90) days for high school diploma or high school  
11 equivalency diploma;

12 2. One hundred twenty (120) days for any college-level degree;  
13 and

14 3. Sixty (60) days for a vocational, technical, or career  
15 training certification or degree.

16 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 512.2 of Title 57, unless there  
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. Every offender sentenced to a suspended sentence and whose  
20 probation is supervised by the Department of Corrections, a district  
21 attorney, or a private supervision provider, shall be eligible to  
22 earn credits for compliance with the terms and conditions of  
23 probation that reduce the term of probation. For every calendar  
24 month of compliance with the terms and conditions of probation, the

1 Department of Corrections, district attorney, or private supervision  
2 provider shall award the offender earned credits equal to thirty  
3 (30) calendar days to be applied toward a reduction of the  
4 probation. For the purposes of this section, "compliance" shall be  
5 defined as the absence of a violation report submitted by a  
6 probation officer during a calendar month. No person convicted of  
7 an offense under Section 13.1 or subsection C, D, E, F, G, or J of  
8 Section 644 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be eligible  
9 for earned credits pursuant to this section.

10 B. The Department of Corrections shall develop written policies  
11 and procedures necessary for the implementation of earned credits as  
12 authorized pursuant to this section. The policies and procedures  
13 developed by the Department shall be the policies and procedures  
14 that all entities that provide probation supervision services adhere  
15 to. The policies and procedures developed by the Department may  
16 include, but are not limited to, written guidelines regarding the  
17 process to earn credits and application of the credits toward the  
18 reduction of the term of probation, the collection of data related  
19 to who earns credits, how much is applied to the term of probation,  
20 and how much the term of probation is reduced.

21 C. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the  
22 modification of the sentence of an offender pursuant to the  
23 provisions of Section 982a of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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