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A Bill

SENATE BILL 259

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO INCLUDE SEXUAL OFFENSES AND OTHER SERIOUS
FELONIES AS OFFENSES NOT ELIGIBLE FOR MANDATORY
PAROLE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO INCLUDE SEXUAL OFFENSES AND OTHER
SERIOUS FELONIES AS OFFENSES NOT ELIGIBLE
FOR MANDATORY PAROLE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-93-615(b)(1), regarding certain discretionary transfers of inmates to the Department of Community Correction by the Parole Board, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) An inmate under sentence for one (1) of the following felonies ~~shall be~~ is eligible for discretionary transfer to the Department of Community Correction by the Parole Board after having served one-third (1/3) or one-half (½) of his or her sentence, with credit for meritorious good time, depending on the seriousness determination made by the Arkansas Sentencing Commission, or one-half (½) of the time to which his or her sentence is commuted by executive clemency, with credit for meritorious good time:

~~(A) Any homicide, §§ 5-10-101—5-10-105, unless the offense is listed under § 16-93-612(e)(1);~~

~~(B) Sexual assault in the first degree, § 5-14-124;~~

~~(C) Sexual assault in the second degree, § 5-14-125;~~

~~(D) Battery in the first degree, § 5-13-201;~~



~~(E) Domestic battering in the first degree, § 5-26-303; or~~

~~(F) The following Class Y felonies:~~

~~(i) Kidnapping, § 5-11-102, unless the offense is listed under § 16-93-612(e)(1);~~

~~(ii) Rape, § 5-14-103, unless the offense is listed under § 16-93-612(e)(1);~~

~~(iii) Aggravated robbery, § 5-12-103, unless the offense is listed under § 16-93-612(e)(1); or~~

~~(iv) Causing a catastrophe, § 5-38-202(a), unless the offense is listed under § 16-93-612(e)(1);~~

~~(G) Engaging in a continuing criminal enterprise, § 5-64-405; or~~

~~(H) Simultaneous possession of drugs and firearms, § 5-74-106.~~

(A) Unless the offense is listed under § 16-93-612(e)(1), the following homicide offenses:

(i) Capital murder, § 5-10-101, or attempted capital murder;

(ii) Murder in the first degree, § 5-10-102, or attempted murder in the first degree;

(iii) Murder in the second degree, § 5-10-103;

(iv) Manslaughter, § 5-10-104;

(v) Negligent homicide, § 5-10-105; or

(vi) An offense under § 5-54-201 et seq.;

(B) Unless the offense is listed under § 16-93-612(e)(1), the following Class Y felonies:

(i) Kidnapping, § 5-11-102;

(ii) Aggravated robbery, § 5-12-103, or attempted aggravated robbery;

(iii) Terroristic act, § 5-13-310;

(iv) Causing a catastrophe, § 5-38-202(a);

(v) Arson, § 5-38-301;

(vi) Aggravated residential burglary, § 5-39-204; or

(vii) Unlawful discharge of a firearm from a vehicle, § 5-74-107;

(C) Unless the offense is listed under § 16-93-612(e)(1),

an offense for which the inmate is required upon release to register as a sex offender under the Sex Offender Registration Act of 1997, § 12-12-901 et seq.;

(D) Battery in the first degree, § 5-13-201;

(E) Domestic battering in the first degree, § 5-26-303;

(F) Engaging in a continuing criminal enterprise, § 5-64-405; or

106.
(G) Simultaneous possession of drugs and firearms, § 5-74-

/s/D. Sanders

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