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A Bill

SENATE BILL 573

By: Senator G. Leding

By: Representative Clowney

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

CONCERNING PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO MINORS
IN A STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY;
CONCERNING PAROLE DISCHARGE FOR OFFENDERS
WHO ARE MINORS; AND CONCERNING THE
REINSTATEMENT OF CERTAIN RIGHTS FOR
MINORS WHO ARE OFFENDERS.

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

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

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

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

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



amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

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

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

(1) The person:

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

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

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

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

/s/G. Leding

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