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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 652

By: Senator G. Leding

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT AMENDING THE FAIR SENTENCING FOR MINORS ACT;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

AMENDING THE FAIR SENTENCING FOR MINORS  
ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-93-621(a)(1), concerning the parole eligibility of a person who was a minor at the time he or she committed an offense, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) A minor who was convicted and sentenced to the former Department of Correction or the Division of Correction for an offense committed before he or she was eighteen (18) years of age and in which the death of another person did not occur is eligible for release on parole no later than after twenty (20) years of incarceration, including any applicable sentencing enhancements, and including an instance in which multiple sentences are to be served consecutively or concurrently, unless by law the minor is eligible for earlier parole eligibility.

(B) Subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section applies retroactively to a minor whose offense was committed before he or she was eighteen (18) years of age, including a minor serving a sentence of life, regardless of the original sentences that were imposed.

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