

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 16 OF
THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PRACTICE, PROCEDURE, AND
COURTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE
16 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING
PRACTICE, PROCEDURE, AND COURTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-93-214 is amended to read as follows to clarify its application and update references:

16-93-214. Mobile application concerning inmates and parolees – Safe Arkansas App – Definition.

(a) As used in this section, “mobile application” means a computer software program designed to run on a smartphone, computer tablet, or other mobile device.

(b)(1) To the extent permitted by federal law, the ~~Parole~~ Post-Prison Transfer Board shall administer a mobile application that shall provide the information set out in subsection (c) of this section concerning:

(A) An inmate who is being considered for parole or post-release supervision; or

(B) A parolee who is on parole or a person who is on post-release supervision.

(2) The mobile application required under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall be known as the “Safe Arkansas App”.



(3) To facilitate the administration of the mobile application required under subdivision (b)(1) of this section, the board may seek the assistance of the Division of Information Systems of the Department of Transformation and Shared Services or enter into a contract for technical database and data processing services.

(c)(1) The mobile application required under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall provide the following information concerning an inmate who is being considered for parole or post-release supervision:

- (A) The name of the inmate;
- (B) The Division of Correction identification number of the inmate;
- (C) A current photograph of the inmate;
- (D) The date the inmate is eligible for parole or post-release supervision;
- (E) The offense, sentence, date of sentencing, and sentence length for any conviction for which the inmate is incarcerated; and
- (F) Any other relevant public information about the inmate the board deems necessary.

(2) The mobile application required under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall provide the following information concerning a parolee or person on post-release supervision who is released on parole or post-release supervision:

- (A) The name of the parolee or person on post-release supervision;
- (B) The Division of Correction identification number of the parolee or person on post-release supervision;
- (C) A current photograph of the parolee or person on post-release supervision;
- (D) The offense, sentence, date of sentencing, and sentence length for any conviction for which the parolee or person on post-release supervision was incarcerated;
- (E) The date the parolee or person on post-release supervision was released on parole or post-release supervision;
- (F) The time served by the parolee or person on post-release supervision before parole or post-release supervision was granted;
- (G) The approximate percentage of the sentence served by

the inmate or parolee or person on post-release supervision;

(H) If a parolee or person on post-release supervision is charged with a subsequent charge after being released on parole or post-release supervision:

(i) Any subsequent charge against the parolee or person on post-release supervision;

(ii) The date of the subsequent charge against the parolee or person on post-release supervision; and

(iii) Relevant details of any subsequent charge against the parolee or person on post-release supervision; and

(I) Any other relevant public information about the parolee or person on post-release supervision the board deems necessary.

(d) The information required to be posted on the board's mobile application under subsection (c) of this section:

(1) Shall be consistently updated as required to be the most current information available to the board; and

(2) May be removed when parole or post-release supervision has been completed, if an inmate was released on parole or post-release supervision.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-93-622 is amended to read as follows to clarify its application:

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

(a) The Post-Prison Transfer Board may discharge a person from parole or post-release supervision if:

(1) The person:

(A) Was released on parole or post-release supervision under § 16-93-621 or any provision of this chapter in which the person's parole or post-release supervision term exceeds five (5) years, for having committed an offense as a minor; and

(B) Has served at least five (5) years on parole or post-release supervision 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 or post-release supervision.

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

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 16-93-1804(4)(B), concerning release eligibility for felonies committed on or after January 1, 2025, is reenacted to ratify the decision by the Arkansas Code Revision Commission to change “seriousness grid” to “sentencing grid” in order to correct a reference error.

(B) The maximum amount of earned release credits that can be accrued and granted by the Post-Prison Transfer Board under subdivision (4)(A) of this section is fifty percent (50%) or seventy-five percent (75%) of the term of imprisonment imposed by the sentencing court, depending on the seriousness determination provided in the sentencing grid or table promulgated by the Arkansas Sentencing Commission and approved by the Legislative Council.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 16-93-1907(a)(3)(D)(ii)(b), concerning administrative sanctions under post-release supervision, is reenacted to ratify the decision by the Arkansas Code Revision Commission to delete “no” before “more than” in order to correct a word usage error.

(b) If an offender on post-release supervision accumulates more than thirty (30) days’ incarceration in a county or regional jail or more than three hundred sixty (360) days’ incarceration in a Division of Correction facility or a Division of Community Correction facility as an intermediate sanction, the community supervision officer shall recommend a revocation of the offender’s post-release supervision under § 16-93-1908.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 16-93-1907(c)(1), concerning administrative sanctions under post-release supervision, is reenacted to ratify the decision by the Arkansas Code Revision Commission to change “Division of Correction” to “Department of Corrections” in order to correct a reference error.

(1) May be reduced by the Department of Corrections for good behavior and successful program completion; and

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 16-93-1908(e)(2) is reenacted to ratify the decision by the Arkansas Code Revision Commission to change “preliminary hearing” to “revocation hearing” in order to correct a reference error.

(2) If the revocation hearing is not waived by the offender under subsection (c) of this section, the revocation hearing shall be held within fourteen (14) days after the arrest and reasonably near the place where the alleged violation occurred or where the offender was arrested.

SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 16-114-401(5), concerning definitions under the Protecting Minors from Medical Malpractice Act of 2023, is repealed because the defined term is not used in the subchapter.

~~(5) “Public funds” means the same as defined in § 20-9-1501.~~

SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 16-131-206(c), concerning liability and good faith for settlement agreements under the Arkansas Statutory Thresholds for Settlement Agreements Involving Minors Act, is amended to read as follows to add clarifying language:

(c) A person or entity against whom a minor has a claim that settles the claim with the minor in good faith under this subchapter by entering into a settlement agreement with the minor’s guardian is not liable to the minor for any claims arising from the settlement of the claim.

SECTION 9. DO NOT CODIFY. CONSTRUCTION AND LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that:

(1) The enactment and adoption of this act shall not expressly or impliedly repeal an act passed during the regular session of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly;

(2) To the extent that a conflict exists between an act of the regular session of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly and this act:

(A) The act of the regular session of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly shall be treated as a subsequent act passed by the General Assembly for the purposes of:

(i) Giving the act of the regular session of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly its full force and effect; and

(ii) Amending or repealing the appropriate parts of

the Arkansas Code of 1987; and

(B) Section 1-2-107 shall not apply; and

(3) This act shall make only technical, not substantive, changes to the Arkansas Code of 1987.

/s/Gazaway

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