



**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
RULES REPORT  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

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| 659 § 112 | TO CREATE THE PROTECT ARKANSAS ACT; TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING SENTENCING AND PAROLE; TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING CERTAIN CRIMINAL OFFENSES; AND TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE RECIDIVISM REDUCTION TASK FORCE. | The Secretary of Corrections shall adopt rules authorizing the visitation of an inmate who is a parent of one (1) or more minor children and who has a low or minimum-security classification with his or her minor children under listed requirements. | Draft under review by Secretary. | New<br>Title: Visitation                  | 1/1/2024       |
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| 659 § 112 | TO CREATE THE PROTECT ARKANSAS ACT; TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING SENTENCING AND PAROLE; TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING CERTAIN CRIMINAL OFFENSES; AND TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE RECIDIVISM REDUCTION TASK FORCE. | The Board of Corrections shall promulgate rules that set guidelines for the accrual of earned release credits.  | Drafting in progress.            | New<br>Title: TBD                         | 1/1/2025       |



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| 659 § 2  | TO CREATE THE PROTECT ARKANSAS ACT; TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING SENTENCING AND PAROLE; TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING CERTAIN CRIMINAL OFFENSES; AND TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE RECIDIVISM REDUCTION TASK FORCE. | The Post-Prison Transfer Board (formerly Arkansas Parole Board) shall adopt rules concerning consideration of transfer to and revocation of post-release supervision.  | Drafting in progress.                        | New<br>Title: TBD  | 1/1/2025       |
| 659 § 2  | TO CREATE THE PROTECT ARKANSAS ACT; TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING SENTENCING AND PAROLE; TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING CERTAIN CRIMINAL OFFENSES; AND TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE RECIDIVISM REDUCTION TASK FORCE. | The Sentencing Commission shall adopt a rule determining which offenses are eligible to earn release credits of up to fifty percent (50%) of the sentence imposed by the sentencing court and which offenses are eligible to earn release credits of up to seventy-five percent (75%) of the sentence imposed by the sentencing court. | Drafting in progress.                        | New<br>Title: TBD  | 1/1/2025       |
| Multiple | Various statutes creating or modifying criminal offenses.  | There were several criminal offenses created or modified by the 94th General Assembly. These offenses must be ranked by the Sentencing Commission.   | COMPLETE<br>Amended rule effective 1/1/2024. | Amendment to Sentencing Standards Grid and Seriousness Reference Table | Multiple       |