

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

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1660

By: Representative Ratliff

## For An Act To Be Entitled

*AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CALCULATION OF PAROLE  
ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN INMATES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTION WHO WERE SENTENCED FOR CONTROLLED  
SUBSTANCE-RELATED FELONIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

### Subtitle

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ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN INMATES IN THE  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION WHO WERE  
SENTENCED FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE-  
RELATED FELONIES.*

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

*SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Temporary language.*

*(a) When calculating the parole eligibility date for an inmate who is serving a sentence for violating the former § 5-64-401 et seq. or any other offense for possession, distribution, sale, or manufacture of a controlled substance that was committed before August 16, 2013, the Parole Board shall base the calculation on the maximum term of years currently allowed by law for the type and amount of the controlled substance for which the inmate was convicted.*

*(b) Notwithstanding § 16-93-612, when determining parole eligibility for an inmate serving a sentence for an offense under subsection (a) of this section, the Parole Board shall compare the nature of the offense, including the type, weight, and amount of the controlled substance involved and determine the parole eligibility as if the inmate were sentenced under a*



currently comparable offense under § 5-64-402 – § 5-64-444.

(c) In an application for parole, the inmate shall bear the burden of establishing the type and amount of the controlled substance involved in his or her conviction.

(d) The Parole Board shall promulgate rules to implement this section within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this act.

*/s/Ratliff*