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SENATE RESOLUTION

TO ENCOURAGE AND URGE GOVERNOR ASA HUTCHINSON TO ACT
EXPEDITIOUSLY ON CERTAIN PAROLE BOARD
RECOMMENDATIONS.

Subtitle

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HUTCHINSON TO ACT EXPEDITIOUSLY ON
CERTAIN PAROLE BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS.

WHEREAS, in 2011, the General Assembly passed and the Governor signed Acts 2011, No. 570, which lowered sentences for controlled substances offenses in certain cases; and

WHEREAS, however, Acts 2011, No. 570, was not retroactive, and therefore offenders sentenced for the same offense before the effective date of Acts 2011, No. 570, were subjected to a higher level of criminal liability for the same conduct than those who were sentenced after the effective date of Acts 2011, No. 570, and this has often led to some inmates serving much longer sentences than other inmates who were convicted of the same offense; and

WHEREAS, the Parole Board has considered this lack of equity in sentences and parole eligibility dates and has begun to offer recommendations to Governor Asa Hutchinson in certain cases that attempt to resolve this inequity,

NOW THEREFORE,



BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate encourages and urges Governor Asa Hutchinson to act as expeditiously as possible on the recommendations by the Parole Board concerning controlled substances convictions that were imposed prior to Acts 2011, No. 570, and resulted in sentences longer than those imposed for the same conduct after Acts 2011, No. 570.

/s/S. Flowers