

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 486

By: Senator G. Leding

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PAROLE ELIGIBILITY
OF A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE COMMITTED
WHEN HE OR SHE WAS A MINOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PAROLE
ELIGIBILITY OF A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED
OF AN OFFENSE COMMITTED WHEN HE OR SHE
WAS A MINOR.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-93-621(a)(2)(A), concerning parole eligibility for a person who was a minor at the time of committing an offense that was committed before, on, or after March 20, 2017, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) A Unless by law the minor is eligible for earlier parole eligibility, a minor who was convicted and sentenced to the department or the division for an offense committed before he or she was eighteen (18) years of age, in which the death of another person occurred, and that was committed before, on, or after March 20, 2017, is eligible for release on parole no later than after twenty-five (25) years of incarceration if he or she was convicted of murder in the first degree, § 5-10-102, or no later than after thirty (30) years of incarceration if he or she was convicted of capital murder, § 5-10-101, including:

(i) any ~~any~~ Any applicable sentencing enhancements, ~~unless by law the minor is eligible for earlier parole eligibility; and~~



(ii) An instance in which multiple sentences are to be served consecutively or concurrently.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-93-621(a)(4), concerning parole eligibility for a person who was a minor at the time of committing an offense that was committed before, on, or after March 20, 2017, is amended to read as follows:

(4) The calculation of the time periods under this subsection shall include any:

(A) applicable Applicable sentence enhancements to which the minor was sentenced that accompany the sentence for the underlying offense; and

(B) Concurrent or consecutive sentences for an offense committed before the minor was eighteen (18) years of age.