

**HOUSE BILL No. 2484**

By Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

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Proposed Amendments to HB 2484 - Jennings  
House Corrections and Juvenile Justice  
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1 AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure;  
2 sentencing; good time credits; amending K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 21-6821  
3 and repealing the existing section.  
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 21-6821 is hereby amended to read as  
7 follows: 21-6821. (a) The secretary of corrections is hereby authorized to  
8 adopt rules and regulations providing for a system of good time  
9 calculations. Such rules and regulations shall provide circumstances upon  
10 which an inmate may earn good time credits and for the forfeiture of  
11 earned credits. Such circumstances may include factors related to program  
12 and work participation and conduct and the inmate's willingness to  
13 examine and confront past behavioral patterns that resulted in the  
14 commission of the inmate's crimes.

15 (b) For purposes of determining release of an inmate, the following  
16 shall apply with regard to good time calculations:

17 (1) Good behavior by inmates is the expected norm and negative  
18 behavior will be punished; and

19 (2) the amount of good time ~~which~~ *that* can be earned by an inmate  
20 and subtracted from any sentence is limited to:

21 (A) For a crime committed on or after July 1, 1993, *but prior to June*  
22 *30, 2020*, an amount equal to 15% of the prison part of the sentence;

23 (B) for a nondrug severity level 7 through 10 crime committed on or  
24 after January 1, 2008, *but prior to June 30, 2020*, an amount equal to 20%  
25 of the prison part of the sentence; ~~or~~

26 (C) for a drug severity level 3 or 4 crime committed on or after  
27 January 1, 2008, but prior to July 1, 2012, or a drug severity level 3  
28 through 5 crime committed on or after July 1, 2012, *but prior to June 30,*  
29 *2020*, an amount equal to 20% of the prison part of the sentence; *or*

30 (D) *for a crime committed on or after July 1, 2020, an amount equal*  
31 *to 50% of the prison part of the sentence.*

32 (c) The postrelease supervision term of a person sentenced to a term  
33 of imprisonment that includes a sentence for a sexually violent crime as  
34 defined in K.S.A. 22-3717, and amendments thereto, a sexually motivated  
35 crime in which the offender has been ordered to register pursuant to  
36 K.S.A. 22-3717(d)(1)(D)(vii), and amendments thereto, electronic

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(i) 25% of the prison part of the sentence for a  
person felony; and  
(ii) 40% of the prison part of the sentence for a  
nonperson felony