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(By Delegates Boggs and Swartzmiller)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact §31-20-5d of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing persons convicted of a criminal offense and sentenced to confinement in a regional jail a reduction in sentence for successful completion of education and rehabilitation programs; increasing the time permitted by a sentence reduction from one day to five days per program; adding an alcohol abuse program to the programs offered; increasing the total time permitted by sentence reduction to thirty days; and establishing an enrollment fee for each program.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §31-20-5d of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 20. WEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL JAIL AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AUTHORITY.

§31-20-5d. Good time credit.

- 1 (a) Any person convicted of a criminal offense and 2 sentenced to confinement in a regional jail is to be granted
- 3 reduction of his or her sentence for good conduct in
- 4 accordance with this section.
- 5 (b) The reduction of sentence or good time is to be 6 deducted from the fixed term of determinate sentences. An 7 inmate under two or more consecutive sentences is allowed 8 good time as if the several sentences, when the maximum 9 terms thereof are added together, were all one sentence.
- 10 (c) Every inmate sentenced to a regional jail for a term of confinement exceeding six months who, in the judgment of 11 12 the administrator of the regional jail facility, faithfully 13 complies with all rules of the regional jail during his or her term of confinement is entitled to a deduction of five days 14 15 from each month of his or her sentence. No inmate may be granted any good time under the provisions of this section for 16 time spent on bond or for time served on parole or in any 17 18 other status in which he or she is not physically incarcerated.
- 19 (d) Each inmate sentenced to a term of confinement in a 20 regional jail facility who participates in a general equivalency diploma program is to be granted three days of good time for 21 22 the completion of each educational literacy level, as 23 demonstrated by achieving a passing score on standardized 24 tests required by the department of education, and ten days of 25 good time for completion of the requirements for a general 26 equivalency diploma or high school diploma.

- (e) Each inmate sentenced to a term of confinement in a regional jail in excess of six months shall be granted five days of good time for successful completion for each of the following rehabilitation programs: Domestic violence. parenting, substance abuse, life skills, alcohol abuse, and anger management or any special rehabilitation or educational program designated by the executive director. A maximum of thirty days good time shall be granted for successful completion of all six programs. The fee for each class is \$25 which is due upon enrollment. If an inmate is unable to pay a fee or fees in full at the time of enrollment, it may be paid by deductions from his or her inmate trust account, subject to the provisions of subsection (f), section thirty-one of this article. No more than one half of the amount in the inmate trust account during any one week period may be so deducted.
- (f) The administrator of a regional jail facility may, with the approval of the Governor, allow extra good time for inmates who perform exceptional work or service.
- (g) The Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority shall promulgate disciplinary rules for the regional jail facilities. The rules are to describe prohibited acts, procedures for charging individual inmates for violations of the rules and for determining the guilt or innocence of inmates charged with the violations, and sanctions that may be imposed for the violations. For each violation by an inmate, any part or all of the good time that has been granted to the inmate may be forfeited and revoked by the administrator of the regional jail facility. The administrator, when appropriate and with approval of the executive director may restore any good time forfeited for a violation of the rules promulgated or adopted pursuant to this subsection.
- (h) Each inmate sentenced to a term of confinement in a regional jail in excess of six months shall, within seventy-two

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- 61 hours of being received into a regional jail, be given a copy
- of the disciplinary rules, a statement setting forth the term or
- 63 length of his or her sentence or sentences, and the time of his
- or her minimum discharge.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman, House Committee Chairman, Senate Committee
Originating in the House.
To take effect from passage.
Clerk of the House of Delegates Clerk of the Senate Speaker of the House of Delegates
Acting President of the Senate
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