

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB2477 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Amendment submitted by: Brian Hill

Adopted: _____

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE
4 SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2477

By: Hill

7 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to prisons and reformatories;
9 amending Section 2, Chapter 273, O.S.L. 2022 (57 O.S.
10 Supp. 2022, Section 512.1), which relates to the
11 Oklahoma Corrections Act of 1967; authorizing
12 offenders on administrative parole to earn certain
13 credits; directing the Department of Corrections to
14 award earned credits; requiring the Department to
15 develop written guidelines for applying credits to
16 those offenders on administrative parole; directing
17 the Department to maintain record of credits earned;
18 authorizing the Department to notify the Pardon and
19 Parole Board of termination dates; allowing the
20 Department to request earlier termination date of
21 administrative parole; allowing offenders to earn
22 education credits; authorizing offenders who receive
23 suspended sentences to earn credits to reduce their
24 term of probation; mandating supervision entities to
award credits every calendar month; defining term;
directing the Department to develop written policies
and procedures; providing scope of policies and
procedures; providing construing provision; providing
for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 273, O.S.L.
2022 (57 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 512.1), is amended to read as
follows:

1 Section 512.1 A. Every offender released to parole supervision
2 or administrative parole may be eligible to earn credits for
3 compliance with the terms and conditions of parole supervision or
4 administrative parole that reduce the term of supervision or
5 administrative parole. For every calendar month of compliance with
6 the terms and conditions of parole supervision or administrative
7 parole, the Department of Corrections ~~may~~ shall award the offender
8 earned credits equal to thirty (30) calendar days to be applied
9 toward a reduction of the parole supervision or administrative
10 parole period. For the purposes of this section, "compliance" may
11 be defined as the absence of a violation report submitted by a
12 probation and parole officer during a calendar month. No person
13 convicted of an offense under Section 13.1 or subsection C, D, E, F,
14 G, or J of Section 644 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be
15 eligible for earned credits pursuant to this section.

16 B. The Department of Corrections may develop written policies
17 and procedures necessary for the implementation of earned credits as
18 authorized pursuant to this section. The policies and procedures
19 developed by the Department of Corrections may include, but are not
20 limited to, written guidelines regarding the process to earn credits
21 and the application of the credits toward the reduction of the term
22 of supervision or administrative parole, the collection of data
23 related to who earns credit, how much is applied and how much of the
24 supervision or administrative parole period is reduced.

1 C. The Department ~~may~~ shall maintain a record of credits earned
2 by an offender under this section. At least every six (6) months
3 from the date the offender is placed on parole supervision or
4 administrative parole, the Department may notify the offender of the
5 current parole supervision or administrative parole termination
6 date.

7 D. The Department may notify the Pardon and Parole Board of the
8 impending parole supervision or administrative parole termination
9 date not less than thirty (30) days prior to the expected date.
10 However, nothing in this section may prohibit the Department from
11 requesting an earlier parole supervision or administrative parole
12 termination date.

13 E. A person on parole who completes the following diplomas,
14 higher education degrees, or training shall receive the
15 corresponding lump sum of earned credits:

16 1. Ninety (90) days for high school diploma or high school
17 equivalency diploma;

18 2. One hundred twenty (120) days for any college-level degree;
19 and

20 3. Sixty (60) days for a vocational, technical, or career
21 training certification or degree.

22 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 512.2 of Title 57, unless there
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. Every offender sentenced to a suspended sentence and whose
2 probation is supervised by the Department of Corrections, a district
3 attorney, or a private supervision provider, shall be eligible to
4 earn credits for compliance with the terms and conditions of
5 probation that reduce the term of probation. For every calendar
6 month of compliance with the terms and conditions of probation, the
7 Department of Corrections, district attorney, or private supervision
8 provider shall award the offender earned credits equal to thirty
9 (30) calendar days to be applied toward a reduction of the
10 probation. For the purposes of this section, "compliance" shall be
11 defined as the absence of a violation report submitted by a
12 probation officer during a calendar month. No person convicted of
13 an offense under Section 13.1 or subsection C, D, E, F, G, or J of
14 Section 644 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be eligible
15 for earned credits pursuant to this section.

16 B. The Department of Corrections shall develop written policies
17 and procedures necessary for the implementation of earned credits as
18 authorized pursuant to this section. The policies and procedures
19 developed by the Department shall be the policies and procedures
20 that all entities that provide probation supervision services adhere
21 to. The policies and procedures developed by the Department may
22 include, but are not limited to, written guidelines regarding the
23 process to earn credits and application of the credits toward the
24 reduction of the term of probation, the collection of data related

1 to who earns credits, how much is applied to the term of probation,
2 and how much the term of probation is reduced.

3 C. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the
4 modification of the sentence of an offender pursuant to the
5 provisions of Section 982a of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

6 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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