

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2477

By: Hill

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10 [prisons and reformatories - Department of
11 Corrections - develop written guidelines - Pardon
12 and Parole Board - termination dates - defining
13 term - effective date]

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 273, O.S.L.
19 2022 (57 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 512.1), is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 Section 512.1 A. Every offender released to parole supervision
22 or administrative parole may be eligible to earn credits for
23 compliance with the terms and conditions of parole supervision or
24 administrative parole that reduce the term of supervision or

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

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

21 C. The Department ~~may~~ shall maintain a record of credits earned
22 by an offender under this section. At least every six (6) months
23 from the date the offender is placed on parole supervision or
24 administrative parole, the Department may notify the offender of the

1 current parole supervision or administrative parole termination
2 date.

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

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

12 1. Ninety (90) days for high school diploma or high school
13 equivalency diploma;

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

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

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

21 A. Every offender sentenced to a suspended sentence and whose
22 probation is supervised by the Department of Corrections, a district
23 attorney, or a private supervision provider, shall be eligible to
24 earn credits for compliance with the terms and conditions of

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

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

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

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

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6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 03/02/2023 - DO PASS,
7 As Amended.
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