
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CORRECTIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 353, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§353- Imprisonment credit for good conduct, educational
5 accomplishment, and meritorious service; revocation of credit;
6 denial of ability to earn. (a) Any committed person serving a
7 sentence for a felony or misdemeanor conviction may receive good
8 conduct, educational, and meritorious service time credit
9 reducing the term of the committed person's minimum sentence
10 subject to the provisions of this section.

11 (b) As determined by the department, a committed person
12 may be awarded good conduct time credit, not exceeding ten days
13 for each month served, based upon good conduct of the committed
14 person.

15 (c) An educational time credit of sixty days shall be
16 awarded to any committed person who successfully earns, during
17 the term of imprisonment, a:



- 1 (1) Graduate equivalency diploma;
- 2 (2) High school diploma;
- 3 (3) Two-year college degree;
- 4 (4) Four-year college degree;
- 5 (5) Two-year certification in applied sciences;
- 6 (6) Four-year certification in applied sciences; or
- 7 (7) Technical education diploma, as provided and defined
- 8 by the department,

9 that the committed person did not possess prior to starting the
10 term of imprisonment. A committed person may earn additional
11 educational time credit for each subsequent program completed;
12 provided that each subsequently completed diploma, degree, or
13 certification requires increased difficulty or time as those
14 previously earned, as determined by the department.

15 (d) At the discretion of the director, meritorious service
16 time credit may be awarded to a committed person, not to exceed
17 five days for each month served, for performing exceptionally
18 meritorious service or performing duties of outstanding
19 importance in connection with institutional operations and
20 programs.



1 (e) When two or more consecutive sentences are to be
2 served, all time credit computations shall be applied to each
3 sentence.

4 (f) The department shall revoke some or all time credits
5 earned pursuant to this section and deny or place a restriction
6 on a committed person's ability to earn additional time credits
7 pursuant to this section if, during the term of imprisonment,
8 the committed person:

9 (1) Commits any offense;

10 (2) Violates the rules of the institution; or

11 (3) Has filed multiple civil actions that have been
12 dismissed because the court found the action to be
13 malicious, harassing, or factually frivolous.

14 (g) Time credit awards, revocation, and restrictions shall
15 be as uniform as practicable throughout all institutions
16 operated by, under contract to, or under the control of the
17 department.

18 (h) The department shall adopt guidelines specifying the
19 specific number of days that time credits authorized pursuant to
20 this section are awarded or revoked under specific circumstances



1 as well as any prohibition and restrictions imposed on the
2 future earning of time credits."

3 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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H.B. NO. 510

Report Title:

Felony Minimum Terms; Misdemeanor Minimum Terms; Credit for Good Behavior; Credit for Education

Description:

Requires PSD to establish guidelines that allow committed persons serving a term of imprisonment for a felony or misdemeanor to earn reductions in the person's minimum term for good behavior, educational attainment, and meritorious service. Provides for forfeiture of credit for improper behavior.

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