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8		For An Act To Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT TO CRE	EATE THE TRANSFORMATION AND EFFI	CCIENCIES
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11	TO ESTABLISH	THE CABINET-LEVEL DEPARTMENT OF	י
12	CORRECTIONS;	TO TRANSFER STATE ENTITIES; TO	DECLARE
13	AN EMERGENCY;	; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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24	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENE	ERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF AR	RKANSAS:
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26	SECTION 1. Arkansa	as Code Title 25, Chapter 43, is	s amended to add an
27	additional subchapter to	read as follows:	
28	Subcha	apter 4 — Department of Correcti	<u>.ons</u>
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30	<u>25-43-401</u> . Departm	ment of Corrections.	
31	(a) <u>There is creat</u>	ted the Department of Correction	ns as a cabinet-level
32	department.		
33	(b)(1) The Board of	of Corrections:	
34	(A) Is	s consolidated with the departme	ent;
35	<u>(B)</u> Sh	nall be the governing authority	of the department;
36	and		

1	(C) Shall perform all functions with respect to the
2	management and control of the department as contemplated by Arkansas
3	Constitution, Amendment 33.
4	(2) No provision of this act shall abridge, diminish, or
5	curtail, in any respect, the authority vested in the board to govern and
6	supervise the administration of its responsibilities prior to the effective
7	date of this act, including without limitation governing and supervising the
8	administration of the state penal institutions.
9	(c) The department shall:
10	(1) Maintain and administer real property on behalf of each
11	state entity transferred under this chapter if the real property is not under
12	the supervision and control of the board;
13	(2) Maintain and administer all personal property on behalf of
14	each state entity transferred under this chapter;
15	(d) The department shall:
16	(1) Assist the board with developing a biennial budget and
17	annual, quarterly, and monthly fiscal plans for the operation of the board
18	and assist the board in complying with the budget and fiscal policies
19	promulgated by the secretary;
20	(2) Assist the board with complying with the general guidelines,
21	polices, and rules of the cabinet-level department with respect to personnel
22	and personnel policies, records, purchasing, bookkeeping, and other
23	administrative procedures prescribed by the department.
24	(3) Consult with the board regarding personnel decisions and
25	staffing;
26	(4) Coordinate the policies promulgated by the board for the
27	administration of personnel and personnel records to assure that all employee
28	records and personnel records of the board conform to the personnel policies
29	and practices of the cabinet-level department; and
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31	25-43-402. State entities transferred to the Department of
32	<u>Corrections.</u>
33	(a) The administrative functions of the following state entities are
34	transferred to the Department of Corrections pursuant to a cabinet-level
35	department transfer:
36	(1) The Arkansas Sentencing Commission, created under 16-90-802;

1	(2) The Corrections School System, created under § 12-29-301;
2	(3) The Criminal Detention Facility Review Committee, created
3	under § 12-26-101.
4	(4) The Division of Community Correction, created under 12-27-
5	<u>124;</u>
6	(5) The Division of Correction, created under § 12-27-101;
7	(6) The Office of Criminal Detention Facilities, created under §
8	<u>12-26-103;</u>
9	(7) The Parole Board, created under 16-93-201; and
10	(8) The State Council for Interstate Commission for Adult
11	Offender Supervision, created under 12-51-103.
12	(b) Each entity transferred shall retain its specified statutory
13	duties.
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15	25-43-403. Secretary of the Department of Corrections.
16	(a) The executive head of the Department of Corrections shall be the
17	Secretary of the Department of Corrections.
18	(b) The secretary shall be employed by the Board of Corrections in
19	consultation with the Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board
20	of Corrections.
21	(c) The secretary may perform all duties to administer the Department
22	of Corrections, subject to Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 33, including
23	without limitation:
24	(1) Delegate to the employees of the Department of Corrections
25	any of the powers or duties of the department required to administer the:
26	(A) Statutory duties; or
27	(B) Rules, orders, or directives promulgated or issued by
28	the state entities transferred to or established within the department.
29	(2) Hire department personnel; and
30	(3) Perform or assign duties assigned to the department.
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32	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-2-330 is amended to read as follows:
33	5-2-330. Examination by Department Division of Correction prohibited.
34	A defendant committed to and under the supervision of the Department
35	<u>Division</u> of Correction who is charged in circuit court shall not undergo an
36	evenination or observation conducted under this subchanter by a neychiatrist

or other mental health employee of the division to determine the mental condition of the defendant.

- SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 5-2-613(a), concerning the use of physical force to prevent escape from a correctional facility or custody of a correctional officer, is amended to read as follows:
- (a) Unless the correctional officer knows or reasonably should know that a prisoner is charged with or has been convicted of only a misdemeanor, a correctional officer employed by the Department Division of Correction or by a private contractor in a correctional facility housing inmates for the division or a city or county correctional officer employed in a correctional facility or jail is justified in using deadly physical force when and to the extent that the correctional officer reasonably believes the use of deadly physical force is necessary to prevent the escape of a prisoner from:

- SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 5-4-102(e), concerning presentence investigations, is amended to read as follows:
 - (e) If the defendant is sentenced to imprisonment, a copy of the report of any presentence investigation or psychiatric examination or evaluation shall be transmitted immediately to the Department Division of Correction or, when the defendant is committed to the custody of a specific institution, to that specific institution.

- SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 5-4-104(f), concerning authorized sentences, is amended to read as follows:
 - (f)(1) If the court determines that an offender under eighteen (18) years of age would be more amenable to a rehabilitation program of the Division of Youth Services of the Department of Human Services and that he or she previously has not been committed to the division on more than one (1) occasion, the court may sentence the offender under eighteen (18) years of age to the Department Division of Correction for a term of years, suspend the sentence, and commit him or her to the custody of the division Division of Youth Services of the Department of Human Services.
 - (2) In a case under subdivision (f)(1) of this section, if the offender under eighteen (18) years of age completes the program of the division satisfactorily, the <u>division</u> <u>Division of Youth Services of the</u>

- 1 Department of Human Services shall return him or her to the sentencing court
- 2 and provide the sentencing court with a written report of his or her progress
- 3 and a recommendation that the offender under eighteen (18) years of age be
- 4 placed on probation.
- 5 (3)(A) In the event that the offender under eighteen (18) years
- 6 of age violates a rule of the division's Division of Youth Services of the
- 7 <u>Department of Human Services'</u> program or facility or is otherwise not
- 8 amenable to the division's Division of Youth Services of the Department of
- 9 <u>Human Services</u> rehabilitative effort, the division <u>Division of Youth</u>
- 10 <u>Services of the Department of Human Services</u> may return him or her to the
- 11 sentencing court with a written report of his or her conduct and a
- 12 recommendation that the offender under eighteen (18) years of age be
- 13 transferred to the Department Division of Correction.
- 14 (B) If the court finds that the offender under eighteen
- 15 (18) years of age has violated a rule of the division's Division of Youth
- 16 Services of the Department of Human Services' program or facility or is
- 17 otherwise not amenable to the division's Division of Youth Services of the
- 18 <u>Department of Human Services'</u> rehabilitative effort, the court shall then
- 19 revoke the suspension of the sentence originally imposed and commit the
- 20 offender under eighteen (18) years of age to the Department Division of
- 21 Correction.

- SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 5-4-107(a)(1) and (2), concerning extended
- 24 supervision and monitoring for certain sex offenders, are amended to read as
- 25 follows:
- 26 (a)(1) The Department Division of Correction within one hundred twenty
- 27 (120) days before the release on parole of a person who is required to
- 28 register as a sex offender under the Sex Offender Registration Act of 1997, §
- 29 12-12-901 et seq., shall notify in writing the prosecuting attorney in the
- 30 judicial district in which the person was sentenced of the person's impending
- 31 release on parole.
- 32 (2) The Department Division of Community Correction within one
- 33 hundred twenty (120) days before the release from probation of a person who
- 34 is required to register as a sex offender under the Sex Offender Registration
- 35 Act of 1997, § 12-12-901 et seq., shall notify in writing the prosecuting
- 36 attorney in the judicial district in which the person was sentenced of the

1	person's impending release from probation.
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3	SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 5-4-107(b)(3), concerning extended
4	supervision and monitoring for certain sex offenders, is amended to read as
5	follows:
6	(3) If a hearing is requested, it shall be held at the earliest
7	practicable time and at a time and on a date that would accommodate the
8	transport of the person from a Department <u>Division</u> of Correction facility,
9	Department Division of Community Correction facility, or the Arkansas State
10	Hospital to the appropriate circuit court.
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12	SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 5-4-107(h), concerning extended supervision
13	and monitoring for certain sex offenders, is amended to read as follows:
14	(h) The Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction shall administer
15	any extended supervision and monitoring under this section and may adopt
16	rules to implement this section.
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18	SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 5-4-304(c)(1)(B), concerning confinement as
19	a condition of suspension or probation, is amended to read as follows:
20	(B) In the case of confinement to a facility in the
21	Department Division of Community Correction, the period actually spent in
22	confinement under this section shall not exceed three hundred sixty-five
23	(365) days.
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25	SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 5-4-312(b)(1)(D)(ii) and (iii), concerning
26	presentence investigations and placement in community correction programs,
27	are amended to read as follows:
28	(ii) Upon revocation as described in subdivision
29	(b)(1)(D)(i) of this section, the court shall determine whether the defendant
30	shall remain under the jurisdiction of the court and be assigned to a more
31	restrictive community correction program, facility, or institution for a
32	period of time or committed to the $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of Correction.
33	(iii) If the defendant is committed to the
34	Department Division of Correction under subdivision (b)(1)(D)(ii) of this
35	section, the court shall specify if the commitment is for judicial transfer
36	of the defendant to the Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction or is a

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    commitment to the Department Division of Correction;
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           SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 5-4-312(b)(2) and (3), concerning
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    presentence investigations and placement in community correction programs,
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    are amended to read as follows:
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                 (2)(A) Commit the defendant to the custody of the Department
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    Division of Correction for judicial transfer to the Department Division of
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    Community Correction subject to the following:
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                             (i) That the sentence imposed provides that the
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    defendant shall not serve more than three (3) years of confinement, with
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     credit for meritorious good time, with initial placement in a Department
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    Division of Community Correction facility; and
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                             (ii)
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    Department Division of Community Correction facility is conditioned upon the
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    Department Division of Community Correction's final determination of the
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    defendant's initial and continuing eligibility for Department Division of
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    Community Correction placement and the defendant's compliance with all
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     applicable rules established by the Board of Corrections for community
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    correction programs.
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                       (B) Post-prison supervision of the defendant shall
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     accompany and follow the community correction program when appropriate; or
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                 (3)(A) Sentence the defendant to the Department Division of
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    Correction, granting the Department Division of Correction the ability to
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    administratively transfer the defendant to the Department Division of
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    Community Correction if the Department Division of Correction determines that
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     the sentence imposed meets the eligibility requirements for placement in a
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     community correction program under this subchapter and § 16-93-1201 et seq.
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                       (B) Administrative transfer to the Department Division of
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    Community Correction under subdivision (b)(3)(A) of this section is
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    conditioned upon bed space availability and upon the Department Division of
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    Community Correction's final determination of the defendant's initial and
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    continuing eligibility for Department Division of Community Correction
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    placement.
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                       (C) A determination of ineligibility under subdivision
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     (b)(3)(A) of this section by the <del>Department</del> Division of Community Correction
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shall result in the immediate return of the defendant to the Department

- Division of Correction.

 (D) A decision to release a defendant administratively transferred to the Department Division of Community Correction from the Department Division of Correction under subdivision (b)(3)(A) of this section is vested solely with the Parole Board.

 SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 5-4-312(d), concerning presentence
- SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 5-4-312(d), concerning presentence investigations and placement in community correction programs, is amended to read as follows:
- (d)(1) If after receipt of an order directing a defendant to a community correction center, the Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction determines that the defendant is not eligible for placement in a community correction program under § 16-93-1201 et seq., the Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction shall not admit the defendant but shall immediately notify the prosecuting attorney in writing.
- (2) After receipt of the notice required under subdivision
 (d)(1) of this section, the prosecuting attorney shall notify the court of
 the defendant's ineligibility for placement in a community correction center,
 and the court shall resentence the defendant accordingly.

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- SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 5-4-320(a), concerning certain convicted felons to observe operations of correctional facilitates, is amended to read as follows:
 - (a) Any person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere or is found guilty in any circuit court of this state of a felony and whose sentence of imprisonment is placed on suspension or who is placed on probation may be ordered by the circuit court to report to an appropriate Department Division of Correction facility on a date certain to be scheduled by the division for the duration of that work day to observe the operation of the division's facility.

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- 32 SECTION 14. Arkansas Code § 5-4-402 is amended to read as follows: 33 5-4-402. Place of imprisonment.
 - (a) Except as provided in §§ 5-4-304 and 16-93-708, a defendant convicted of a felony and sentenced to imprisonment shall be committed to the custody of the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction for the term of his or her

1 sentence or until released in accordance with law.

- 2 (b) Except as provided in § 16-93-708, a defendant convicted of a
 3 misdemeanor and sentenced to imprisonment shall be committed to the county
 4 jail or other authorized institution designated by the court for the term of
 5 his or her sentence or until released in accordance with law.
 - (c) Except as provided in § 5-4-304 or § 16-93-708, a defendant convicted of a felony violation of §§ 5-64-419-5-64-442 and sentenced to imprisonment shall be committed to the custody of the Department Division of Correction for the term of his or her sentence or until released in accordance with law.
 - (d)(1)(A) A juvenile sentenced in circuit court who is less than sixteen (16) years of age when sentenced shall be committed to the custody of the Division of Youth Services of the Department of Human Services until his or her sixteenth birthday, at which time he or she shall be transferred to the Department Division of Correction, except as provided by court order or parole decision made by the Parole Board.
 - (B) Any record from the <u>division</u> <u>Division of Youth</u>

 <u>Services of the Department of Human Services</u> shall be transferred to the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction at the time the juvenile is transferred.
 - (2) A juvenile less than sixteen (16) years of age who is awaiting transfer to the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction shall be segregated from the general delinquency population housed at the <u>division</u> Division of Youth Services of the Department of Human Services.
 - (e)(1) With the consent and approval of the division Division of Youth Services of the Department of Human Services, the Department Division of Correction may transfer from the Department Division of Correction to the division Division of Youth Services of the Department of Human Services any inmate less than eighteen (18) years of age who, in the opinion of the Department Division of Correction and the division Division of Youth Services of the Department of Human Services, is more suited and adaptable by age, physical size, and temperament to a program of the Department of Human Services.
- 33 (2)(A) An inmate transferred to the <u>division Division of Youth</u>
 34 <u>Services of the Department of Human Services</u> shall be segregated from the
 35 general delinquency population housed at the <u>division Division of Youth</u>
 36 Services of the Department of Human Services.

1	(B) If an inmate violates a rule of the division's
2	Division of Youth Services of the Department of Human Services' program or
3	facility or is otherwise not amenable to the division's Division of Youth
4	Services of the Department of Human Services' rehabilitative effort, the
5	division may return the inmate to the Department Division of Correction.
6	(3) Any inmate transferred to the division Division of Youth
7	Services of the Department of Human Services under this subsection shall be
8	returned to the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction on the inmate's eighteenth
9	birthday.
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11	SECTION 15. Arkansas Code § 5-4-404 is amended to read as follows:
12	5-4-404. Credit for time spent in custody.
13	If a defendant is held in custody for conduct that results in a
14	sentence to imprisonment or confinement as a condition of suspension or
15	probation, the court, the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction, or the
16	Department Division of Community Correction shall credit the time spent in
17	custody against the sentence, including time spent in a local jail facility
18	awaiting transfer to the $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of Correction or the $\frac{Department}{Division}$
19	<u>Division</u> of Community Correction.
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21	SECTION 16. Arkansas Code § 5-4-501(f), concerning habitual offenders
22	and sentencing for felony, is amended to read as follows:
23	(f) For the purposes of determining whether a defendant has previously
24	been convicted of a serious felony involving violence or a felony involving
25	violence under subsections (c) and (d) of this section, the entry of a plea
26	of guilty or nolo contendere or a finding of guilt by a court to a felony
27	enumerated in subsections (c) and (d) of this section, respectively, as a
28	result of which a court places the defendant on a suspended imposition of
29	sentence, a suspended sentence, or probation, or sentences the defendant to
30	the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction, is considered a previous felony
31	conviction.
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33	SECTION 17. Arkansas Code § 5-4-606(1), concerning life imprisonment
34	without parole, is amended to read as follows:

Correction for imprisonment for the remainder of his or her life; and

(1) Be remanded to the custody of the $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of

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2	SECTION 18. Arkansas Code § 5-4-803(b)(2)(A), concerning the procedure
3	for determining the sentence for an eligible offender, is amended to read as
4	follows:
5	(A) Department Division of Correction for an eligible
6	offender committed to the division; or
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8	SECTION 19. Arkansas Code § 5-4-803(c)(2)(A), concerning the procedure
9	for determining the sentence for an eligible offender, is amended to read as
10	follows:
11	(A) Department <u>Division</u> of Correction for a felony
12	offense; or
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14	SECTION 20. Arkansas Code § 5-4-803(d)(4)(A), concerning the procedure
15	for determining the sentence for an eligible offender, is amended to read as
16	follows:
17	(A) Department <u>Division</u> of Correction for a felony
18	offense; or
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20	SECTION 21. Arkansas Code § 5-4-804 is amended to read as follows:
21	5-4-804. Medical treatment and costs.
22	The state is responsible for the cost of medical treatment approved by
23	the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction of an eligible offender sentenced to a
24	felony under this subchapter if the medical treatment is for:
25	(1) The result of an injury sustained on the work site of the
26	community work project or during transportation to and from the work site by
27	a government entity; or
28	(2)(A) The result of illness or an injury sustained by an
29	eligible offender committed to the county jail or regional jail and who is
30	assigned to a community work project.
31	(B) The Department <u>Division</u> of Correction may transfer an
32	eligible offender committed to a county jail or regional jail under this
33	subchapter to a medical facility or treatment facility, including a facility
34	of the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction, it deems appropriate for the
35	medical treatment.

(3) Nothing in this section precludes the $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of

1	Correction from seeking reimbursement or damages from a person or entity that
2	contributes to or causes the injury or illness referred to in this section.
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4	SECTION 22. Arkansas Code § 5-4-901 is amended to read as follows:
5	5-4-901. Legislative intent.
6	The intent of this act is to provide the judiciary with an additional
7	alternative to the disposition of criminal offenders that would assist the
8	offender in atoning for his or her criminal transgression and promote the
9	enforcement of the state's criminal statutes while easing the inmate burden
10	on the county jails and the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction.
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12	SECTION 23. Arkansas Code § 5-10-101(a)(6), concerning capital murder,
13	is amended to read as follows:
14	(6) While incarcerated in the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction
15	or the Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction, the person purposely
16	causes the death of another person after premeditation and deliberation;
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18	SECTION 24. Arkansas Code § 5-13-202(a)(4)(A)(ii)(b), concerning
19	battery in the second degree, is amended to read as follows:
20	(b) "Employee of a correctional facility"
21	includes a person working under a professional services contract with the
22	Department Division of Correction, the Department Division of Community
23	Correction, or the Division of Youth Services of the Department of Human
24	Services;
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26	SECTION 25. Arkansas Code § 5-14-110(a)(3)(A), concerning sexual
27	indecency with a child, is amended to read as follows:
28	(A) Employed with the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction,
29	Department Division of Community Correction, any city or county jail, or any
30	juvenile detention facility, and the minor is in custody at a facility
31	operated by the agency or contractor employing the actor;
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33	SECTION 26. Arkansas Code § 5-14-110(a)(4)(A) and (B), concerning
34	sexual indecency with a child, are amended to read as follows:
35	(A) Employed with the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction,
36	the Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction, any city or county jail, or

1 any juvenile detention facility, and the minor is in custody at a facility 2 operated by the agency or contractor employing the actor; 3 (B) Employed by or contracted with the Department Division 4 of Community Correction, a local law enforcement agency, a court, or a local 5 government and the actor is supervising the minor while the minor is on 6 probation or parole or for any other court-ordered reason; 7 8 SECTION 27. Arkansas Code § 5-14-124(a)(1)(A) and (B), concerning 9 sexual assault in the first degree, are amended to read as follows: 10 (A) Employed with the Department Division of Correction, 11 the Department Division of Community Correction, the Department of Human 12 Services, or any city or county jail or a juvenile detention facility, and the victim is in the custody of the Department Division of Correction, the 13 14 Department Division of Community Correction, the Department of Human 15 Services, any city or county jail or juvenile detention facility, or their 16 contractors or agents; 17 (B) Employed by or contracted with the Department Division 18 of Community Correction, a local law enforcement agency, a court, or a local 19 government and the actor is supervising the minor while the minor is on 20 probation or parole or for any other court-ordered reason; 21 22 SECTION 28. Arkansas Code § 5-14-125(a)(4)(A)(i) and (ii), concerning 23 sexual assault in the second degree, are amended to read as follows: 24 (i) Employed with the Department Division of 25 Correction, the Department Division of Community Correction, any city or 26 county jail, or any juvenile detention facility, and the minor is in custody 27 at a facility operated by the agency or contractor employing the actor; 28 Employed by or contracted with the Department 29 Division of Community Correction, a local law enforcement agency, a court, or 30 a local government and the actor is supervising the minor while the minor is 31 on probation or parole or for any other court-ordered reason; 32 33 SECTION 29. Arkansas Code § 5-14-126(a)(1)(A)-(C), concerning sexual 34 assault in the third degree, are amended to read as follows: 35 (A) Employed with the Department Division of Correction,

Department Division of Community Correction, Department of Human Services, or

- 1 any city or county jail, the victim is in the custody of the Department
- 2 Division of Correction, Department Division of Community Correction,
- 3 Department of Human Services, or any city or county jail, and the actor is in
- 4 a position of trust or authority over the victim and uses the position of
- 5 trust or authority to engage in sexual intercourse or deviate sexual
- 6 activity;
- 7 (B) Employed by or contracted with the Department <u>Division</u>
- 8 of Community Correction, a local law enforcement agency, a court, or a local
- 9 government and the actor is supervising the person while the person is on
- 10 probation or parole or for any other court-ordered reason;
- 11 (C) Employed or contracted with or otherwise providing
- 12 services, supplies, or supervision to an agency maintaining custody of
- 13 inmates, detainees, or juveniles, the victim is in the custody of the
- 14 Department Division of Correction, Department Division of Community
- 15 Correction, Department of Human Services, or any city or county jail, and the
- 16 actor is in a position of trust or authority over the victim and uses the
- 17 position of trust or authority to engage in sexual intercourse or deviate
- 18 sexual activity; or

- SECTION 30. Arkansas Code § 5-14-127(a)(2), concerning sexual assault
- 21 in the fourth degree, is amended to read as follows:
- 22 (2) Engages in sexual contact with another person who is not the
- 23 actor's spouse, and the actor is employed with the Department Division of
- 24 Correction, Department Division of Community Correction, Department of Human
- 25 Services, or any city or county jail, and the victim is in the custody of the
- 26 Department Division of Correction, Department Division of Community
- 27 Correction, Department of Human Services, or a city or county jail.

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- 29 SECTION 31. Arkansas Code § 5-37-226(b)(2)(D) and (E), concerning
- 30 filing instruments affecting title or interest in real property, are amended
- 31 to read as follows:
- 32 (D) An employee of the Department Division of Correction;
- 33 (E) An employee of the $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of Community
- 34 Correction;

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36 SECTION 32. Arkansas Code § 5-54-101(11)(A), concerning the definition

1 of "prohibited article" under the laws governing obstructing governmental 2 operations, is amended to read as follows: 3 (A) An intoxicating beverage other than sacramental wine 4 labeled as sacramental wine and supplied by a religious official who supplies 5 the sacramental wine to an inmate in the Department Division of Correction or 6 Department Division of Community Correction for the sole purpose of an 7 approved religious service, pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by 8 the Board of Corrections; 9 10 SECTION 33. Arkansas Code § 5-54-110(b)(1)(A) and (B), concerning the 11 offense of first degree escape, are amended to read as follows: 12 The Department Division of Correction; (A) 13 The Department Division of Community Correction; or 14 15 SECTION 34. Arkansas Code § 5-54-111(b)(1)(A) and (B), concerning the 16 offense of second degree escape, are amended to read as follows: 17 The Department Division of Correction; (A) 18 (B) The Department Division of Community Correction; or 19 20 SECTION 35. Arkansas Code § 5-54-112(c)(1)(A) and (B), concerning the 21 offense of second degree escape, are amended to read as follows: 22 (A) The Department Division of Correction; 23 The Department Division of Community Correction; or (B) 24 25 SECTION 36. Arkansas Code § 5-73-119(e)(12)(B)(ii), concerning the 26 possession of a handgun by a minor or possession school property, is amended 27 to read as follows: 28 "Parking lot" does not include a parking lot (ii) 29 owned, maintained, or otherwise controlled by the Department Division of 30 Correction or Department Division of Community Correction. 31 32 SECTION 37. Arkansas Code $\S 5-73-122(a)(3)(C)(ii)(b)$, concerning carrying a firearm in publicly owned buildings or facilities, is amended to 33 34 read as follows: 35 (b) "Parking lot" does not include a parking

lot owned, maintained, or otherwise controlled by the Department Division of

1	Correction or the Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction;
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3	SECTION 38. Arkansas Code § 5-73-122(a)(3)(D)(iii), concerning
4	carrying a firearm in publicly owned buildings or facilities, is amended to
5	read as follows:
6	(iii) A facility operated by the Department <u>Division</u>
7	of Correction or the Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction; or
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9	SECTION 39. Arkansas Code § 5-73-131(a), concerning the possession or
10	use of a weapon by an incarcerated person, is amended to read as follows:
11	(a) A person commits the offense of possession or use of weapons by
12	incarcerated persons if, without approval of custodial authority he or she
13	uses, possesses, makes, repairs, sells, or otherwise deals in any weapon,
14	including, but not limited to, any bomb, firearm, knife, or other implement
15	for the infliction of serious physical injury or death and that serves no
16	common lawful purpose, while incarcerated in the $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of
17	Correction, the $\frac{\text{Department}}{\text{Division}}$ of Community Correction, or a county or
18	municipal jail or detention facility.
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20	SECTION 40. Arkansas Code § 5-73-306(4), concerning places a licensed
21	concealed handgun is prohibited, is amended to read as follows:
22	(4) Any part of a detention facility, prison, or jail, including
23	without limitation a parking lot owned, maintained, or otherwise controlled
24	by the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction or Department <u>Division</u> of Community
25	Correction;
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27	SECTION 41. Arkansas Code § 6-18-203(c), concerning attendance in a
28	district other than the district of residence, is amended to read as follows:
29	(c) When any employee of the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction lives
30	on <u>department</u> <u>division</u> property or will live on <u>department</u> <u>division</u> property
31	as the result of a transfer from a unit of the division to another unit, the
32	children or wards of the employee may complete their education in the school
33	district in which they are enrolled at the time the parent or guardian is
34	transferred.

SECTION 42. Arkansas Code \S 6-82-501(2), concerning the definition of

1 "Department of Community Correction employee" under the laws governing the 2 children of law enforcement officers, is amended to read as follows: 3 "Department Division of Community Correction employee" means 4 any employee of the Department Division of Community Correction who suffers 5 fatal injuries or wounds or becomes permanently and totally disabled as a 6 result of injuries or wounds that occurred through contact with parolees, 7 probationers, or center residents; 8 9 SECTION 43. Arkansas Code § 6-82-501(6), concerning the definition of 10 "state correction employee" under the laws governing the children of law 11 enforcement officers, is amended to read as follows: 12 "State correction employee" means any employee of the 13 Department Division of Correction or the Corrections School System who 14 becomes subject to injury through contact with inmates or parolees of the 15 Department Division of Correction; 16 17 SECTION 44. Arkansas Code § 8-6-307(d), concerning exemptions for the 18 transfer of funds, is amended to read as follows: 19 (d) The Department Division of Corrections exempt from the provisions 20 of this section. 21 22 SECTION 45. Arkansas Code § 9-2-102 is amended to read as follows: 23 9-2-102. Name change - Use of new name. 24 Any person whose name may be so changed by judgment or decree of any of 25 the circuit courts shall afterward be known and designated, sue and be sued, 26 plead and be impleaded, by the name thus conferred, except that records of 27 persons under the jurisdiction and supervision of the Department Division of 28 Correction shall continue to reflect the name as committed to the division's 29 jurisdiction and supervision by the various circuit courts of the State of 30 Arkansas.

- 32 SECTION 46. Arkansas Code $\S 9-27-303(48)(A)(v)(b)(2)$ and (3), 33 concerning the definition of "reasonable efforts" under the Arkansas Juvenile
- 34 Code of 1989, are amended to read as follows:
- 35 (2) Monitor compliance with services 36 offered by the Department Division of Correction to the extent permitted by

1 federal law; and 2 (3) Offer visitation in accordance with 3 the policies of the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction if visitation is 4 appropriate and in the best interest of the child. 5 6 SECTION 47. Arkansas Code § 9-27-510 is amended to read as follows: 7 9-27-510. Department Division of Correction— Placement. 8 (a)(1) A juvenile who has received an adult sentence to the Department 9 Division of Correction shall not be transported to the Department Division of 10 Correction until the juvenile is sixteen (16) years of age. 11 (2) If a juvenile receives a sentence to the Department Division 12 of Correction prior to before the juvenile's sixteenth birthday, the juvenile 13 shall be housed by the Division of Youth Services of the Department of Human 14 Services until that date, except as provided by court order or parole 15 decision made by the Parole Board. 16 (b) A juvenile sentenced in the criminal division of circuit court who 17 is less than sixteen (16) years of age when sentenced shall be committed to 18 the custody of the Division of Youth Services until his or her sixteenth 19 birthday, at which time he or she shall be transferred to the Department 20 Division of Correction. 21 (c)(1)(A) Juveniles sentenced to the Department Division of Correction 22 pursuant to extended juvenile jurisdiction are subject to parole as any other 23 inmate within the Department Division of Correction. 24 Juveniles adjudicated for capital murder, § 5-10-101, (B) 25 or murder in the first degree, § 5-10-102, are subject to parole. 26 Juveniles will be given credit for time served in a juvenile 27 detention or juvenile facility against any adult sentence. 28 29 SECTION 48. Arkansas Code § 9-28-214(a), concerning the penalty for 30 escape, is amended to read as follows: 31 If charged and found guilty as an adult for first degree escape, § 32 5-54-110, or second degree escape, § 5-54-111, a juvenile shall be given a 33 mandatory sentence of not less than nine (9) months in an appropriate

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SECTION 49. Arkansas Code § 9-28-402(12)(C), concerning the definition

facility of the Department Division of Correction.

1 of "exempt child welfare agency" under the Child Welfare Agency Licensing 2 Act, is amended to read as follows: 3 (C) A facility or program owned or operated by or under 4 contract with the Department Division of Correction; 5 6 SECTION 50. The introductory language of Arkansas Code § 12-26-103, 7 concerning the creation and duties of the Office of Criminal Detention 8 Facilities Review Coordinator, is amended to read as follows: 9 There is established the Office of Criminal Detention Facilities 10 Review Coordinator within the Department of Corrections which shall consist 11 of: 12 13 SECTION 51. Arkansas Code § 11-3-401(a)(2), concerning the prevention 14 of lawful employment prohibited, is amended to read as follows: 15 (2) Any person guilty of violating this subsection shall be 16 deemed guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be punished by 17 confinement in the Department of Gorrection Corrections for not less than one 18 (1) year nor more than two (2) years. 19 20 SECTION 52. Arkansas Code § 11-3-401(b)(3), concerning the prevention 21 of lawful employment prohibited, is amended to read as follows: 22 (3) Any person guilty of violating this subsection shall be 23 deemed guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by 24 confinement in the Department of Gorrection Corrections for not less than one 25 (1) year nor more than two (2) years. 26 SECTION 53. Arkansas Code § 11-9-110(a), concerning compensation 27 28 nonassignable and payable to dependents, is amended to read as follows: 29 The right to compensation shall not be assignable and shall not be 30 subject to garnishment, attachment, levy, execution, or any other legal 31 process, except for child support obligations and moneys retained by the 32 Department Division of Correction under § 12-30-406(a)(1). 33 34 SECTION 54. Arkansas Code § 11-9-812(a)(1), concerning the 35 incarceration of an injured employee, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) When any person who receives workers' compensation benefits is

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     incarcerated in an institution under the control of the Department Division
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     of Correction, the inmate's spouse or, if no spouse, the inmate's minor
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     dependent children, may petition the Workers' Compensation Commission to
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     award to the spouse or minor dependent children the inmate's workers'
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     compensation weekly disability benefits for the period of the claimant's
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     incarceration.
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           SECTION 55. Arkansas Code § 11-14-106(a)(3)(A)(v), concerning required
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     drug or alcohol tests, is amended to read as follows:
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     custody of the Department Division of Correction; or
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           SECTION 56. Arkansas Code § 12-1-102 is amended to read as follows:
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           12-1-102. Records to be posted on a public website.
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           (a) Relevant research studies and reports concerning the following
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     topics that are generated by the research divisions of the Department
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     Division of Correction, the Department Division of Community Correction, and
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     the Parole Board or by third-party contractors on behalf of the Department
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     Division of Correction, the Department Division of Community Correction, and
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     the board, when applicable, shall be posted on the Department Division of
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     Correction's, the Department Division of Community Correction's, or board's
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                 (1) Population projections;
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                 (2) Recidivism; and
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                 (3) Evaluation of the cost-benefit of evidence-based practices
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                       (A) Adult prisons;
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                       (D) Parole.
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           (b) Data posted on the board's, Department Division of Correction's,
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     or the Department Division of Community Correction's websites under this
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     section may be removed from the board's, Department Division of Correction's,
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     or the Department Division of Community Correction's websites after five (5)
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1 SECTION 57. Arkansas Code § 12-12-315(a)(1)(E), concerning the 2 notification of certain deaths, is amended to read as follows: 3 (E) The death occurs while the person is in a state mental 4 institution or hospital and there is no previous medical history to explain 5 the death, or while the person is in police custody or jail other than a jail 6 operated by the Department Division of Correction; 7 8 SECTION 58. Arkansas Code § 12-12-904(a)(1)(B)(ii), concerning the 9 failure to comply with registration and reporting requirements and refusal to 10 cooperate with the assessment process, is amended to read as follows: 11 (ii) If a sex offender fails or refuses to provide 12 any information necessary to update his or her registration file as required 13 by § 12-12-906(b)(2), as soon as administratively feasible the Department 14 Division of Correction, the Department Division of Community Correction, the 15 Arkansas State Hospital, or the Department of Human Services shall contact 16 the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction to report the violation 17 of subdivision (a)(1)(B)(i) of this section. 18 19 SECTION 59. Arkansas Code § 12-12-906(a)(1)(B) and (C), concerning the 20 duty to register or verify registration and review of requirements with 21 offenders, is amended to read as follows: 22 (B)(i) The Department Division of Correction shall ensure 23 that a sex offender received for incarceration has completed the sex offender 24 registration form. 25 (ii) If the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction cannot 26 confirm that the sex offender has completed the sex offender registration 27 form, the Department Division of Correction shall require the sex offender to 28 complete the sex offender registration form upon intake, release, or 29 discharge. 30 The Department Division of Community Correction (C)(i) 31 shall ensure that a sex offender placed on probation or another form of 32 community supervision has completed the sex offender registration form. 33 (ii) If the Department Division of Community 34 Correction cannot confirm that the sex offender has completed the sex 35 offender registration form, the Department Division of Community Correction

shall require the sex offender to complete the sex offender registration form

l upon intake, release, or discharge.

- SECTION 60. Arkansas Code § 12-12-906(b)(2), concerning the duty to register or verify registration and review of requirements with offenders, is amended to read as follows:
- offender or immediately following a sex offender's escape or his or her absconding from supervision, the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction, the <u>Department Division</u> of Community Correction, the Arkansas State Hospital, or the Department of Human Services shall update the registration file of the sex offender who is to be released or discharged or who has escaped or has absconded from supervision.

- SECTION 61. Arkansas Code § 12-12-906(c)(1)(A), concerning the duty to register or verify registration and review of requirements with offenders, is amended to read as follows:
- (c)(1)(A) When registering a sex offender as provided in subsection
 (a) of this section, the sentencing court, the Department Division of
 Correction, the Department Division of Community Correction, the Arkansas
 State Hospital, the Department of Human Services, or the local law
 enforcement agency having jurisdiction shall:
 - (i) Inform the sex offender of the duty to submit to assessment and to register and obtain the information required for registration as described in § 12-12-908;
 - (ii) Inform the sex offender that if the sex offender changes residency within the state, the sex offender shall give the new address and place of employment, education, higher education, or training to the center in writing no later than ten (10) days before the sex offender establishes residency or is temporarily domiciled at the new address;
 - (iii)(a) Inform the sex offender that if the sex offender changes residency to another state or enters another state to work or attend school, the sex offender must also register in that state regardless of permanent residency.
- 34 (b) The sex offender shall register the new 35 address and place of employment, education, higher education, or training 36 with the center and with a designated law enforcement agency in the new state

1 in person not later than three (3) business days after the sex offender 2 establishes residence or is temporarily domiciled in the new state; 3 (iv) Obtain fingerprints, palm prints, and a 4 photograph of the sex offender if these have not already been obtained in 5 connection with the offense that triggered registration; 6 (v) Obtain a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) sample if 7 one has not already been provided; 8 (vi) Require the sex offender to complete the entire 9 registration process, including, but not limited to, requiring the sex 10 offender to read and sign a form stating that the duty of the sex offender to 11 register under this subchapter has been explained; 12 (vii) Inform the sex offender that if the sex 13 offender's address changes within the state or to another state due to an 14 eviction, natural disaster, or any other unforeseen circumstance, the sex 15 offender shall give the new address to the local law enforcement agency 16 having jurisdiction in person no later than three (3) business days after the 17 sex offender establishes residency; 18 (viii) Inform a sex offender who has been granted 19 probation that failure to comply with the provisions of this subchapter may 20 be grounds for revocation of the sex offender's probation; and 21 (ix) Inform a sex offender subject to lifetime 22 registration under § 12-12-919 of the duty to: 23 (a) Verify registration and obtain the 24 information required for registration verification as described in 25 subsections (g) and (h) of this section; and 26 (b) Ensure that the information required for 27 reregistration verification under subsections (g) and (h) of this section is 28 provided to the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction. 29 30 SECTION 62. Arkansas Code § 12-12-906(c)(2), concerning the duty to 31 register or verify registration and review of requirements with offenders, is 32 amended to read as follows: 33 (2) When updating the registration file of a sex offender, the

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Correction, the Arkansas State Hospital, or the Department of Human Services

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shall:

- 1 (A) Review with the sex offender the duty to register and
- $2\,$ obtain current information required for registration as described in § 12-12-
- 3 908;
- 4 (B) Review with the sex offender the requirement that if
- 5 the sex offender changes address within the state, the sex offender shall
- 6 give the new address to the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction
- 7 in person no later than ten (10) days before the sex offender establishes
- 8 residency or is temporarily domiciled at the new address;
- 9 (C) Review with the sex offender the requirement that if
- 10 the sex offender changes address to another state, the sex offender shall
- 11 register the new address with the local law enforcement agency having
- 12 jurisdiction in person and with a designated law enforcement agency in the
- 13 new state in person not later than three (3) business days after the sex
- 14 offender establishes residence or is temporarily domiciled in the new state
- 15 if the new state has a registration requirement;
- 16 (D) Require the sex offender to read and sign a form
- 17 stating that the duty of the sex offender to register under this subchapter
- 18 has been reviewed;
- 19 (E) Inform the sex offender that if the sex offender's
- 20 address changes within the state or to another state due to an eviction,
- 21 natural disaster, or any other unforeseen circumstance, the sex offender
- 22 shall give the new address to the local law enforcement agency having
- 23 jurisdiction in person no later than three (3) business days after the sex
- 24 offender establishes residency;
- 25 (F) Review with the sex offender the consequences of
- 26 failure to provide any information required by subdivision (b)(2) of this
- 27 section;
- 28 (G) Inform a sex offender subject to lifetime registration
- 29 under § 12-12-919 of the duty to:
- 30 (i) Verify registration and report the information
- 31 required for registration verification as described in subsections (g) and
- 32 (h) of this section; and
- 33 (ii) Ensure that the information required for
- 34 registration verification under subsections (g) and (h) of this section is
- 35 provided in person to the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction;
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1 (H) Review with a sex offender subject to lifetime 2 registration under § 12-12-919 the consequences of failure to verify 3 registration under § 12-12-904. 4 5 SECTION 63. Arkansas Code § 12-12-906(d), concerning the duty to 6 register or verify registration and review of requirements with offenders, is 7 amended to read as follows: 8 (d) When registering or updating the registration file of a sexually 9 dangerous person, in addition to the requirements of subdivision (c)(1) or 10 subdivision (c)(2) of this section, the sentencing court, the Department 11 Division of Correction, the Department Division of Community Correction, the 12 Arkansas State Hospital, the Department of Human Services, or the local law 13 enforcement agency having jurisdiction shall obtain documentation of any 14 treatment received for the mental abnormality or personality disorder of the 15 sexually dangerous person. 16 17 SECTION 64. Arkansas Code § 12-12-907(a)(1), concerning reports to the 18 Arkansas Crime Information Center and law enforcement agencies, is amended to 19 read as follows: 20 (a)(1) Within three (3) days after registering or updating the 21 registration file of a sex offender, the Department Division of Correction, 22 the Department Division of Community Correction, the Department of Human 23 Services, the sentencing court, or the local law enforcement agency having 24 jurisdiction shall report, by written or electronic means, all information 25 obtained from the sex offender and regarding the sex offender to the Arkansas 26 Crime Information Center. 27 28 SECTION 65. Arkansas Code § 12-12-907(b)(4), concerning reports to the 29 Arkansas Crime Information Center and law enforcement agency, is amended to 30 read as follows: 31 (4) The center shall have access to the offender tracking 32 systems of the Department Division of Correction and the Department Division 33 of Community Correction to confirm the location of registrants.

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SECTION 66. Arkansas Code § 12-12-908(a), concerning registration format requirements is amended to read as follows:

1 (a) The Director of the Arkansas Crime Information Center shall
2 prepare the format for registration as required in subsection (b) of this
3 section and shall provide instructions for registration to each organized
4 full-time municipal police division, county sheriff's office, the Department
5 Division of Correction, the Department Division of Community Correction, the
6 Department of Human Services, and the Administrative Office of the Courts.

SECTION 67. Arkansas Code § 12-12-911(b)(1), concerning the sex and child offenders registration fund, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) This fund shall consist of special revenues collected pursuant to $\S 12-12-910$, there to be used equally by the Arkansas Crime Information Center and the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction for the administration of this subchapter.

- 15 SECTION 68. Arkansas Code § 12-12-913(d)(3), concerning the disclosure 16 of registration records, is amended to read as follows:
 - (3) In conjunction with the notice provided under § 12-12-914, the Department Division of Correction and the Department of Human Services shall make available to a local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction all information that the Department Division of Correction and the Department of Human Services have concerning the sex offender, including information on risk factors in the sex offender's history.

SECTION 69. Arkansas Code § 12-12-914(a)(1), concerning the notice of release to the Arkansas Crime Information Center, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The Department Division of Correction shall provide notice by written or electronic means to the Arkansas Crime Information Center of the anticipated release from incarceration in a county or state penal institution of a person serving a sentence for a sex offense.

- SECTION 70. Arkansas Code § 12-12-914(d)(2), concerning the notice of release to the Arkansas Crime Information Center, is amended to read as follows:
 - (2) If notification cannot be made throughout the system established under § 12-12-1201 et seq., the Department Division of Correction

l shall provide the notification to the victim.

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- 3 SECTION 71. Arkansas Code § 12-12-915 is amended to read as follows: 4 12-12-915. Authority — Rules.
- 5 (a) The Department Division of Correction, the Department Division of
 6 Community Correction, the Department of Human Services, the Administrative
 7 Office of the Courts, and the Arkansas Crime Information Center shall
 8 promulgate rules to establish procedures for:
- 9 (1) Notifying the sex offender of the obligation to register 10 pursuant to this subchapter; and
- 11 (2) Registering the sex offender.

of an offender's adjudication of guilt.

- 12 (b)(1) The Department Division of Community Correction shall monitor 13 an adult sex offender under its supervisory authority who is subject to 14 electronic monitoring under § 12-12-923.
- 15 (2) The Department of Human Services shall monitor an adult or 16 juvenile sex offender under its supervisory authority who is subject to 17 electronic monitoring under § 12-12-923.
- 18 (c)(1) The Department Division of Community Correction shall
 19 promulgate rules to establish procedures for monitoring an adult sex offender
 20 under its supervisory authority who is subject to electronic monitoring under
 21 § 12-12-923.
 - (2) The Department of Human Services shall promulgate rules to establish procedures for monitoring an adult or juvenile sex offender under its supervisory authority who is subject to electronic monitoring under § 12-12-923.

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- SECTION 72. Arkansas Code § 12-12-917(b)(2)(A)(ii)(a), concerning the evaluation protocol for sexually dangerous persons and juveniles adjudicated delinquent, is amended to read as follows:
- (ii)(a) Subject to subdivision (c)(1) of this section, the prosecuting attorney and any law enforcement agency shall furnish the file relating to the offender to Community Notification

 Assessment at the Department Division of Correction within thirty (30) days

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36 SECTION 73. Arkansas Code § 12-12-917(f)(2) and (3), concerning the

- evaluation protocol for sexually dangerous persons and juveniles adjudicated delinquent, are amended to read as follows:
- 3 (2) The committee shall provide the Parole Board with copies of 4 the offender fact sheet on inmates of the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction.
- 5 (3) The committee shall provide the Department <u>Division</u> of 6 Community Correction with copies of the offender fact sheet on any sex 7 offender under the <u>Department Division</u> of Community Correction's supervision.

- 9 SECTION 74. Arkansas Code § 12-12-917(g)(1), concerning the evaluation 10 protocol for sexually dangerous persons and juveniles adjudicated delinquent, 11 is amended to read as follows:
 - (g)(1) In cooperation with the committee, the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction shall promulgate rules and regulations to establish the review process for assessment determinations.

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- SECTION 75. Arkansas Code § 12-12-917(h)(2), concerning the evaluation protocol for sexually dangerous persons and juveniles adjudicated delinquent, is amended to read as follows:
- 19 (2)(A) A local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction, the
 20 Department Division of Community Correction, or the Parole Board may request
 21 the committee to reassess a sex offender's assigned risk level at any time.
 - (B) In the request for reassessment, the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction, the <u>Department Division</u> of Community Correction, or the Parole Board shall list the facts and circumstances that prompted the requested reassessment.

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- SECTION 76. Arkansas Code § 12-12-918(b)(1)(A), concerning classification as a sexually dangerous person, is amended to read as follows:
- 29 (A) The defendant may be sent for evaluation to a facility designated by the Department Division of Correction; or

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- 32 SECTION 77. Arkansas Code § 12-12-918(b)(2), concerning classification 33 as a sexually dangerous person, is amended to read as follows:
- 34 (2) The cost of the evaluation shall be paid by the Department 35 <u>Division</u> of Correction.

- 1 SECTION 78. Arkansas Code § 12-12-1109(c), concerning a DNA sample 2 required upon adjudication of guilt, is amended to read as follows:
 - (c) All DNA samples taken pursuant to this section shall be taken in accordance with regulations promulgated by the State Crime Laboratory in consultation with the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction, the <u>Department Division</u> of Community Correction, the Department of Human Services, and the Administrative Office of the Courts.

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- 9 SECTION 79. Arkansas Code § 12-12-1110(e)(1), concerning procedures of 10 withdrawal, collection, and transmission of DNA samples, is amended to read 11 as follows:
 - (e)(1) Any person who refuses to provide a DNA sample required by this subchapter will receive no further sentence reduction for meritorious good time until such time as a sample is provided, and the Department Division of Correction shall notify the Parole Board regarding the refusal.

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- 17 SECTION 80. Arkansas Code § 14-22-106(16), concerning purchases exempt 18 from soliciting bids, is amended to read as follows:
 - (16) All goods and services that are regularly provided to state agencies and county government by the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction's various penal industries;

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- SECTION 81. Arkansas Code § 12-27-101 is amended to read as follows: 12-27-101. Purposes and construction of the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction.
 - (a)(1) The purpose of this act is to establish a Department Division of Correction that shall assume the custody, control, and management of the state penitentiary, execute the orders of criminal courts of the State of Arkansas, and provide for the custody, treatment, rehabilitation, and restoration of adult offenders as useful law-abiding citizens within the community.
- 32 (2) The department division shall be under the supervision and control of the Board of Corrections.
- 34 (3) To accomplish the objectives and purposes of this act in an 35 effective, coordinated, and uniform manner, the department division shall be 36 responsible for the maintenance, supervision, and administration of adult

- 1 detention and correctional services of the state as determined by the board.
- 2 (4) Institutions and services shall be diversified in program,
- 3 construction, and staff to provide effectually and efficiently for the
- 4 maximum custody, care, supervision, and treatment of those persons committed
- 5 to the department division.
- 6 (b) This act shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate its 7 purposes.

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- 9 SECTION 82. Arkansas Code § 12-27-102 is amended to read as follows: 10 12-27-102. Enforcement of penalties — Report of crimes.
 - (a) All laws of this state prescribing penalties for violations concerned with or affecting the state penitentiary or inmates thereof shall be equally applicable to the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction and shall be enforced accordingly.
 - (b) In the event any crime shall be committed in any institution of the department division, it shall be the duty of the Director of the Department Division of Correction, or his or her designated employee, to report the crime to the county sheriff and prosecuting attorney of the county in which the institution is located in which the crime, or alleged crime, took place.

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- SECTION 83. Arkansas Code § 12-27-103 is amended to read as follows:

 12-27-103. Department Division of Correction Creation Powers and duties.
 - (a) There is established, under the supervision, control, and direction of the Board of Corrections, a Department Division of Correction.
 - (b) The Department Division of Correction shall have the following functions, powers, and duties, administered in accordance with the policies, rules, and regulations promulgated by the Board of Corrections:
- 30 (1) The Department Division of Correction shall have exclusive 31 jurisdiction over the care, charge, custody, control, management,
- administration, and supervision of all persons and offenders committed to, or in the custody of, the state penitentiary;
- 34 (2) The Department Division of Correction shall assume maintain 35 management and control over all properties, both real and personal, 36 facilities, books, records, equipment, supplies, materials, contracts, funds,

- 1 moneys, equities, and all other properties belonging to the state
- 2 penitentiary, except those deemed by the Board of Corrections to be more
- 3 appropriate for placement placed in the Department Division of Community
- 4 Correction. The Department Division of Correction shall administer said
- 5 properties in accordance with the provisions of this act and other laws
- 6 applicable to the administration of the state correctional system;
- 7 (3) The Department of Correction, as the Division of Correction
- 8 was known as prior to July 1, 2019, shall assume assumed all obligations,
- 9 contracts, indebtedness, liabilities, and other obligations of the state
- 10 penitentiary system existing on March 1, 1968;
- 11 (4)(A) The Department of Correction, as the Division of
- 12 <u>Correction was known as prior to July 1, 2019, shall have has custody,</u>
- 13 management, and control over all institutions and facilities, and the inmates
- 14 therein, now belonging to the state penitentiary or hereafter established by
- 15 the Department of Correction, as the Division of Correction was known as
- 16 prior to July 1, 2019, and known as the Division of Correction for the
- 17 custodial correction and rehabilitation of persons committed to the
- 18 Department Division of Correction for its care, except for those institutions
- 19 established by or transferred to the Department Division of Community
- 20 Correction.
- 21 (B) Legal custody of inmates transferred to the Department
- $\underline{\text{Division}}$ of Community Correction shall remain with the $\underline{\text{Department}}$ $\underline{\text{Division}}$ of
- 23 Correction unless altered by court order;
- 24 (5) The Department Division of Correction shall establish and
- 25 operate classification committees, diagnosis and treatment programs, and such
- other programs as may be desirable to fulfill the purposes of this act;
- 27 (6) The Department Division of Correction shall employ such
- 28 officers, employees, and agents and shall secure such offices and quarters as
- 29 are deemed necessary to discharge the functions of the Department Division of
- 30 Correction;
- 31 (7) The Department Division of Correction shall receive all
- 32 offenders committed to the Department Division of Correction for conviction
- 33 of felonies or other offenses, the punishment of which is commitment to the
- 34 penitentiary under the laws of this state, and shall be responsible for the
- 35 care, custody, and correction of such persons pursuant to policies
- 36 established by the Board of Corrections;

- 1 (8) The <u>Department Division</u> of Correction shall operate all
 2 farming, livestock, industries, and other income-producing facilities of the
 3 <u>Department Division</u> of Correction and shall sell the products of its
 4 industries and farms in the manner provided by law;
 - (9) The Department Division of Correction may establish and operate regional adult detention facilities, provided funds therefor have been authorized and appropriated by the General Assembly;

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- 8 (10) The Department Division of Correction shall cooperate with 9 municipalities and counties in this state in providing consulting services 10 when requested with respect to detention and correctional facilities operated 11 by the municipalities or counties;
 - (11) The Department Division of Correction shall cooperate with law enforcement agencies of this state, the United States, institutions of this state for the detention, custody, and care of delinquent and dependent juveniles, and with all agencies and departments of this state offering services or programs of welfare, rehabilitation, and other services for the benefit of persons committed to the Department Division of Correction;
 - (12) The Department Division of Correction may accept gifts, grants, and funds from public and private sources with prior approval of the Board of Corrections and administer the same in furtherance of the purposes of this act;
 - (13)(A) The Department Division of Correction shall have the authority to issue warrants for the retaking of any person who, committed to its custody, unlawfully escapes therefrom.

(B) The warrant shall:

- (i) Authorize all law enforcement officials of this state to take custody and return the person named therein to the custody of the Department Division of Correction; and
- 29 (ii) Authorize all law enforcement officials of this 30 state, any other state, and the federal government to take custody and detain 31 the person in any suitable detention facility while awaiting further transfer 32 to the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction;
- 33 (14)(A)(i) Subject to the approval of the Governor, the
 34 Department Division of Correction may cooperate with and contract with the
 35 federal government, governmental agencies of Arkansas and other states,
 36 political subdivisions of Arkansas, political subdivisions of other states,

- l counties, regional correctional facilities, and private contractors to
- 2 provide and improve correctional operations and to keep custody of inmates
- 3 transferred from the Department Division of Correction.
- 4 (ii) A facility owned or leased under this
- 5 subdivision (b)(14) shall comply with all constitutional standards of the
- 6 United States and the State of Arkansas.
- 7 (B) A county may contract for construction or operation or
- 8 both with another entity to house a Department Division of Correction inmate
- 9 under this subdivision (b)(14) for a period not to exceed twenty (20) years;
- 10 (15) The Department Division of Correction shall cooperate with
- 11 the Department Division of Community Correction, the Parole Board, the
- 12 Arkansas Sentencing Commission, judicial districts, municipalities, and
- 13 counties in this state in providing guidance and services required to ensure
- 14 a full range of correctional options for the state as a whole;
- 15 (16) The Department Division of Correction shall provide support
- 16 to the Department Division of Community Correction as determined by the Board
- 17 of Corrections;
- 18 (17) The Department Division of Correction shall assist the
- 19 Board of Corrections in the furtherance of its goals by staffing the specific
- 20 charges articulated for it through legislation and by the Board of
- 21 Corrections; and
- 22 (18) The Department of Correction Corrections shall establish
- 23 programs of research, evaluation, statistics, audit, and planning, including
- 24 studies and evaluation of the performance of various functions and activities
- 25 of the department and studies affecting the treatment of offenders and
- 26 information about other programs.

- 28 SECTION 84. Arkansas Code § 12-27-104(d)(1)(B), concerning the
- 29 members, records, and staff of the Board of Corrections, is amended to read
- 30 as follows:
- 31 (B) However, a member shall receive a per diem stipend and
- 32 reimbursement for expenses for both official meetings and related activities
- 33 associated with attending to the business of the Board of Corrections, the
- 34 Department Division of Correction, the Department Division of Community
- 35 Correction, and the Corrections School System for up to an annual average of
- 36 seven (7) days per month.

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2	SECTION 85. Arkansas Code § 12-27-104(d)(2), concerning the members,
3	records, and staff of the Board of Corrections, is amended to read as
4	follows:
5	(2) All expenses that may be reimbursed to members of the Board
6	of Corrections and stipends as provided in § 25-16-901 et seq. shall be
7	payable from the maintenance funds appropriated for the Department Division
8	of Correction and the Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction.
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10	SECTION 86. Arkansas Code § 12-27-104(e), concerning the members,
11	records, and staff of the Board of Corrections, is amended to read as
12	follows:
13	(e) The Governor shall appoint an advisory judicial group to
14	facilitate coordination among the judicial system, the Department Division of
15	Correction, and the Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction to promote
16	the effective and efficient use of correctional resources in furtherance of
17	sentencing policy adopted by the General Assembly.
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19	SECTION 87. Arkansas Code § 12-27-104(j), concerning the members,
20	records, and staff of the Board of Corrections, is amended to read as
21	follows:
22	(j)(1) The Board of Corrections shall employ necessary staff to assist
23	with the range and diversity of $\underline{\text{its}}$ $\underline{\text{the}}$ charge $\underline{\text{of the Board of Corrections}}$.
24	(2) In addition to Board of Corrections staff, the Board of
25	Corrections may reassign staff from the departments divisions it governs for
26	either short-term or long-term service to the Board of Corrections.
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28	SECTION 88. Arkansas Code § 12-27-105(b)(1)(A), concerning the powers
29	and duties of the Board of Corrections, is amended to read as follows:
30	(1)(A) General supervisory power and control over the Department
31	<u>Division</u> of Correction and the Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction
32	and shall perform all functions with respect to the management and control of
33	the adult correctional institutions and community correction options of this
34	state contemplated by Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 33.
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SECTION 89. Arkansas Code § 12-27-105(b)(3) and (4), concerning the

- 1 powers and duties of the Board of Corrections, are amended to read as 2 follows:
- 3 (3) To review and approve budgets submitted by the Department 4 Division of Correction and the Department Division of Community Correction
- 5 prior to submission for executive and legislative approval;
- 6 (4) To develop and approve policy and management decisions for
 7 the Department Division of Correction and the Department Division of
 8 Community Correction, evaluating their impact on corrections as a whole;

- SECTION 90. Arkansas Code § 12-27-105(b)(15), concerning the powers and duties of the Board of Corrections, is amended to read as follows:
- 12 (15) To prescribe the duties of all personnel of the Department
 13 <u>Division</u> of Correction and the Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction
 14 and the regulations governing the transfer of employees within each division
 15 and between <u>departments</u> <u>divisions</u>;

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- 17 SECTION 91. Arkansas Code § 12-27-105(b)(17)(E), concerning the powers 18 and duties of the Board of Corrections, is amended to read as follows:
 - (E) Economic sanction officers are to be authorized by the Department Division of Community Correction to perform these duties pursuant to policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Corrections and in accord with any state statutory accounting requirements; and

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- SECTION 92. Arkansas Code § 12-27-107 is amended to read as follows: 12-27-107. Director of the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction.
 - (a) The Director of the Department Division of Correction, who shall be the executive, administrative, budgetary, and fiscal officer of the Department Division of Correction, shall be appointed by the Board of Corrections at a salary fixed by the Board of Corrections which shall not exceed the maximum salary for the position established by law.
- 31 (b) The director shall be qualified for the position by character, 32 ability, education, training, and successful administrative experience in 33 correctional or related fields.
- 34 (c) The director shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of 35 Corrections.
- 36 (d) Subject to the rules, regulations, policies, and procedures

- 1 prescribed by the Board of Corrections, the director shall:
- 2 (1) Administer the Department Division of Correction and
- 3 supervise the administration of all institutions, facilities, and services
- 4 under the jurisdiction of the Department Division of Correction;
- 5 (2) Employ such personnel as are required in the administration
- 6 of the provisions of this act, provided that the employment of personnel
- 7 shall be in accordance with the applicable laws and personnel regulations of
- 8 the state;
- 9 (3) Institute programs for the training and development of
- 10 personnel within the Department Division of Correction and have authority to
- 11 suspend, discharge, or otherwise discipline personnel in accordance with
- 12 policies prescribed by the Board of Corrections;
- 13 (4) Make an annual report to the Board of Corrections, which
- 14 will be forwarded to the Governor and the General Assembly, on the work of
- 15 the Department Division of Correction, including statistics and other data,
- 16 income derived by the Department Division of Correction from agriculture,
- 17 livestock, and other farming activities and from prison inmates' activities,
- 18 a summary of expenditures of the Department Division of Correction, and
- 19 progress reports regarding internal issues such as inmate discipline,
- 20 utilization of programming, facilities and bed space utilization, upkeep
- 21 issues, and construction needs;
- 22 (5) Cooperate with the Department Division of Community
- 23 Correction, the Parole Board, the Arkansas Sentencing Commission, judicial
- 24 districts, counties, and municipalities to provide the guidance and services
- 25 required to ensure a full range of correctional options for the state as a
- 26 whole; and
- 27 (6)(A) Designate those employees of the Department Division of
- 28 Correction who shall have the powers of peace officers in the enforcement of
- 29 criminal laws to the extent they apply to employees, inmates, and persons on
- 30 Department Division of Correction property, while participating in the search
- 31 and capture of an inmate who has escaped custody, or while assisting law
- 32 enforcement officers in the search and capture of any fugitive or escapee
- 33 from another jurisdiction.
- 34 (B) The employees so designated have the authority to use
- 35 blue rotating or flashing emergency lights on Department Division of
- 36 Correction vehicles and exercise other law enforcement powers exercised by

police and other law enforcement personnel.

- 3 SECTION 93. Arkansas Code § 12-27-108 is amended to read as follows: 4 12-27-108. Authentication of records.
 - (a) For authentication of the records, process, and proceedings of the Department Division of Correction, the Director of the Department Division of Correction may adopt and keep an official seal for the use of his or her office, and the seal shall receive judicial notice in all of the courts of the state.
- 10 (b) All acts, orders, regulations, reports, and other records of the
 11 department division or copies thereof which are entitled to judicial notice
 12 shall be certified to by the director with the seal affixed thereto.

SECTION 94. Arkansas Code § 12-27-109 is amended to read as follows: 15 12-27-109. Oaths of director and superintendents.

The Director of the Department Division of Correction and each of the superintendents of the institutions within the Department Division of Correction shall, before entering upon their respective duties, take and subscribe to and file in the office of the Secretary of State, an oath that he or she will support the United States Constitution and the Arkansas Constitution and faithfully perform the duties upon which he or she is about to enter.

- SECTION 95. Arkansas Code § 12-27-124 is amended to read as follows:
 12-27-124. Purposes and construction of the Department <u>Division</u> of
 Community Correction.
 - (a)(1) The purpose of this act is to establish a Department Division of Community Correction that shall assume the management of all community correction facilities and services, execute the orders of the criminal courts of the State of Arkansas, and provide for the supervision, treatment, rehabilitation, and restoration of adult offenders as useful law-abiding citizens within the community.
 - (2) The department division shall be under the supervision and control of the Board of Corrections.
- 35 (3) To accomplish the objectives and purposes of this act in an 36 effective, coordinated, and uniform manner, the <u>department</u> <u>division</u> shall be

- 1 responsible for the administration of all community correction facilities,
- 2 services, and means of supervision, including probation and parole or any
- 3 type of post prison release or transfer.
- 4 (4) Facilities and services shall be diversified in program,
- 5 construction, and staff to provide effectually and efficiently for the
- 6 maximum care, supervision, and treatment of those persons accessing the
- 7 department division.
- 8 (b) This act shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate its
- 9 purposes.

- 11 SECTION 96. Arkansas Code § 12-27-125 is amended to read as follows:
- 12 12-27-125. Department Division of Community Correction Creation -
- 13 Powers and duties.
- 14 (a) There is established, under the supervision, control, and
- 15 direction of the Board of Corrections, a Department Division of Community
- 16 Correction.
- 17 (b) The Department Division of Community Correction shall have the
- 18 following functions, powers, and duties, administered in accordance with the
- 19 policies, rules, and regulations promulgated by the Board of Corrections:
- 20 (1) It shall assume management and control over all properties,
- 21 both real and personal, facilities, books, records, equipment, supplies,
- 22 materials, contracts, funds, moneys, equities, and all other properties
- 23 belonging to the Arkansas Adult Probation Commission [abolished], and all
- 24 such properties deemed appropriate for transfer transfered from the
- 25 Department of Correction, as the Division of Correction was known as prior to
- 26 July 1, 2019, now known as the Division of Correction by the Board of
- 27 Corrections:
- 28 (2)(A) It shall have management and control over all community
- 29 correction services.
- 30 (B) It shall have management and control over all
- 31 community correction facilities within the purview of the Board of
- 32 Corrections existing on or created after July 1, 1993;
- 33 (3) It shall employ such officers, employees, and agents and
- 34 shall secure such offices and quarters as deemed necessary to discharge the
- 35 functions of the Department Division of Community Correction, and which are
- 36 appropriately funded;

- 1 (4) It may establish and operate regional community correction
- 2 facilities if funds for the regional community correction facilities have
- 3 been authorized and appropriated by the General Assembly;
- 4 (5)(A) It may exercise all legally sanctioned supervision and
- 5 appropriate care over all offenders referred with proper documentation from
- 6 the circuit courts and all offenders transferred with proper documentation
- 7 from the Department Division of Correction pursuant to policies established
- 8 by the Board of Corrections and conditions set by the Parole Board.
- 9 (B) Legal custody remains with the referring court or the
- 10 Department Division of Correction;
- 11 (6) It shall administer the provision of probation services for
- 12 offenders processed through circuit courts;
- 13 (7) It shall administer the provision of parole services in
- 14 coordination with the Parole Board and in cooperation with the Department
- 15 <u>Division</u> of Correction;
- 16 (8) It shall provide support services to the Parole Board or its
- 17 designated representatives as determined by the Parole Board;
- 18 (9) It shall assist the Board of Corrections in the furtherance
- 19 of its goals by staffing the specific charges articulated for it through
- 20 legislation and by the Board of Corrections;
- 21 (10) It shall conduct statewide public education and training to
- 22 foster the provision of correctional supervision and service in community
- 23 settings;
- 24 (11) It shall provide technical assistance when necessary to any
- 25 entity, program, division, or agency receiving assistance or clients through
- 26 the Department Division of Community Correction;
- 27 (12) It shall facilitate the development of a comprehensive
- 28 community correction plan through the provision of funding, criteria review,
- 29 and ongoing evaluation to ensure the maintenance of quality in supervision
- 30 and programming;
- 31 (13) It may accept gifts, grants, and funds from both public and
- 32 private sources with prior approval of the Board of Corrections;
- 33 (14) It shall establish minimum standards for case loads,
- 34 programs, facilities, and equipment and other aspects of the operation of
- 35 community correction programs and facilities necessary for the provision of
- 36 adequate and effective supervision and service;

- 1 (15) It shall establish minimum standards for the employment of 2 community correction employees;
- 3 (16) It shall establish programs of research, evaluation, 4 statistics, audit, and planning, including studies and evaluation of the 5 performance of various functions and activities of the Department of
- 6 Community Correction Department of Corrections and studies affecting the
- 7 treatment of offenders and information about other programs;

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- 8 (17)(A) It may receive and disburse moneys ordered to be paid by 9 offenders pursuant to statutory economic sanctions.
- 10 (B) It may receive fees to be levied by the courts or 11 authorized by the Board of Corrections for participation in specified 12 programs and to be paid by offenders on community correction.
- 13 (C) The payment of such sanctions and fees may be a 14 condition of probation, parole, or post prison transfer or attached to 15 admission and participation in a community correction program.
 - (D) The moneys collected shall be deposited into an earmarked account at the state level to be used solely for the continuation and expansion of community correction in this state.
 - (E) Economic sanction officers are to be authorized by the Department Division of Community Correction to perform these duties pursuant to policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Corrections and in accord with any state statutory accounting requirements;
- 23 (18) It may cooperate and contract with the federal government, 24 with governmental agencies of Arkansas and other states, with political 25 subdivisions of Arkansas, and with private contractors to provide and improve 26 community correction options;
 - (19) It may inspect and evaluate any community correction site and conduct audits of financial and service records at any reasonable time to determine compliance with the Board of Corrections' rules, regulations, and standards;
- 31 (20)(A) It shall maintain a full and complete record of each 32 offender under its supervision.
- 33 (B)(i) To protect the integrity of a record described in 34 subdivision (b)(20)(A) of this section and to ensure its proper use, it is 35 unlawful to permit inspection of or disclose information contained in a 36 record described in subdivision (b)(20)(A) of this section or to copy or

1	issue a copy of any part of the record except:
2	(a) As authorized by administrative rule;
3	(b) By order of a court of competent
4	jurisdiction; or
5	(c) Records posted on the Department <u>Division</u>
6	of Community Correction's website as required by § 12-27-145.
7	(ii) The rules under subdivision (b)(20)(B)(i)(a)
8	shall provide for adequate standards of security and confidentiality of a
9	record described in subdivision (b)(20)(A) of this section;
10	(21) Subject to availability of funds, it shall employ officers,
11	employees, and agents and secure sufficient offices for monitoring each sex
12	offender on parole or probation who is required to register under the Sex
13	Offender Registration Act of 1997, § 12-12-901 et seq., and who has been
14	assessed as a risk Level 3 or Level 4 offender; and
15	(22)(A) It may issue an arrest warrant for the arrest of any
16	person who, while in its custody, unlawfully escapes from the Department
17	<u>Division</u> of Community Correction.
18	(B) The arrest warrant shall authorize:
19	(i) All law enforcement officers of this state to
20	take into custody and return the person named in the arrest warrant to the
21	custody of the $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of Community Correction or the $\frac{Department}{Department}$
22	<u>Division</u> of Correction; and
23	(ii) All law enforcement officers of this state, any
24	other state, or the federal government to take into custody and detain the
25	person in a suitable detention facility while awaiting further transfer to
26	the Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction or the Department of
27	Correction.
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29	SECTION 97. Arkansas Code § 12-27-126(a), concerning the Director of
30	the Department of Community Correction, is amended to read as follows:
31	(a) The Director of the Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction
32	shall be appointed by the Board of Corrections at a salary fixed by the Board
33	of Corrections, which shall not exceed the maximum salary for the position
34	established by law.

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SECTION 98. Arkansas Code § 12-27-126(d)(1), concerning the Director

- 1 of the Department of Community Correction, is amended to read as follows: 2 (1) Administer the Department Division of Community Correction 3 and supervise the administration of all facilities, programs, and services 4 under the Department Division of Community Correction's jurisdiction; 5 6 SECTION 99. Arkansas Code § 12-27-126(d)(3)-(5), concerning the 7 Director of the Department of Community Correction, is amended to read as 8 follows: 9 (3) Institute programs for the training and development of 10 personnel within the Department Division of Community Correction and have 11 authority to suspend, discharge, or otherwise discipline personnel in 12 accordance with policies prescribed by the Board of Corrections; 13 (4) Make an annual report to the Board of Corrections, which 14 will be forwarded to the Governor and the General Assembly, on the work of 15 the Department Division of Community Correction, including statistics and 16 other data, income derived from fee collection, a summary of expenditures of 17 the Department Division of Community Correction, and progress reports 18 regarding internal issues such as offender success, programming development, 19 bed space utilization, and future needs; and 20 (5) Cooperate with the Department Division of Correction, the Parole Board, the Arkansas Sentencing Commission, judicial districts, 21 22 counties, and municipalities to provide the guidance and services required to 23 ensure a full range of correctional and community correction options for the 24 state as a whole. 25 26 SECTION 100. Arkansas Code § 12-27-127(a) and (b), concerning 27 transfers to the Department of Community Correction, are amended to read as 28 follows:
- 29 (a) A commitment shall be treated as a commitment to the Department 30 <u>Division</u> of Correction and subject to regular transfer eligibility unless:

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- 31 (1) The commitment specifies that the inmate is to be judicially 32 transferred to the Department Division of Community Correction; or
 - (2) If the court indicates on the commitment that the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction shall administratively determine the transfer of an inmate, the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction may administratively transfer a statutorily eligible inmate to the Department <u>Division</u> of Community

- 1 Correction in accordance with rules promulgated by the Board of Corrections.
- 2 (b)(1) In accordance with rules and procedures promulgated by the
- 3 Board of Corrections and the orders of the committing court, the Director of
- 4 the Department Division of Community Correction shall assign a newly
- 5 transferred inmate to an appropriate facility, placement, program, or status
- 6 within the Department Division of Community Correction.
- 7 (2) The director may transfer an inmate from one facility,
- 8 placement, program, or status to another facility, placement, program, or
- 9 status consistent with the commitment, applicable law, and in accordance with
- 10 treatment, training, and security needs.
- 11 (3)(A) An inmate may be administratively transferred back to the
- 12 Department Division of Correction from the Department Division of Community
- 13 Correction by the Parole Board following a hearing in which the inmate is
- 14 found ineligible for placement in a Department Division of Community
- 15 Correction facility as he or she fails to meet the criteria or standards
- 16 established by law or policy adopted by the Board of Corrections or has been
- 17 found guilty of a violation of the rules of the facility.
- 18 (B) Time served in a community correction facility or
- 19 under supervision by the Department Division of Community Correction shall be
- 20 credited against the sentence contained in the commitment to the Department
- 21 Division of Correction.

- SECTION 101. Arkansas Code § 12-27-127(c)(1)(C), concerning transfers
- 24 to the Department of Community Correction, is amended to read as follows:
- 25 (C) Determined by the Department Division of Community
- 26 Correction to have successfully completed its therapeutic program.

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- 28 SECTION 102. Arkansas Code § 12-27-127(c)(2)(A)(i), concerning
- 29 transfers to the Department of Community Correction, is amended to read as
- 30 follows:
- 31 (i) Aid the therapeutic rehabilitation of the
- 32 inmates judicially or administratively transferred to the Department Division
- 33 of Community Correction; and

- 35 SECTION 103. Arkansas Code § 12-27-127(c)(3) and (4), concerning
- 36 transfers to the Department of Community Correction, are amended to read as

- 1 follows:
- 2 (3) This subsection does not grant the Parole Board or the
- 3 Department Division of Community Correction the authority either to detain an
- 4 inmate beyond the sentence imposed upon him or her by a transferring court or
- 5 to shorten that sentence.
- 6 (4) An inmate may not be released from confinement under this
- 7 section if the inmate was sentenced and judicially or administratively
- 8 transferred to the Department Division of Community Correction at a time
- 9 earlier than that which would otherwise be possible if the inmate was
- 10 sentenced to the Department Division of Correction, regardless of any program
- 11 completed by the inmate.

- SECTION 104. Arkansas Code § 12-27-127(d)(1), concerning transfers to
- 14 the Department of Community Correction, is amended to read as follows:
- 15 (d)(1) An inmate of the $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of Correction who is to be
- 16 released on parole may be administratively transferred to the Department
- 17 Division of Community Correction when the inmate is within eighteen (18)
- 18 months of his or her projected release date for the purpose of participating
- in a reentry program of at least six (6) months in length.
- 20 (2) Each inmate administratively transferred under this
- 21 subsection shall be thoroughly screened and approved for participation by the
- 22 director or his or her designee.
- 23 (3) In accordance with rules promulgated by the Board of
- 24 Corrections, upon receipt of a referral from the director or his or her
- 25 designee, the Parole Board may release from incarceration an inmate who has
- 26 been:
- 27 (A) Administratively transferred to the Department
- 28 Division of Community Correction; and
- 29 (B) Determined by the Department <u>Division</u> of Community
- 30 Correction to have successfully completed its reentry program.
- 31 (4) An inmate who has been administratively transferred under
- 32 this subsection shall be administratively transferred back to the Department
- 33 Division of Correction if he or she:
- 34 (A) Is denied parole; or
- 35 (B) Fails to complete or is removed from the reentry
- 36 program.

- SECTION 105. Arkansas Code § 12-27-128 is amended to read as follows:

 12-27-128. Department Division of Correction Nontax Revenue Receipts
 Fund.
- 5 (a) There is created in accordance with §§ 19-4-801 19-4-803, 19-4-6 804 [repealed], 19-4-805, 19-4-806, and the Revenue Classification Law, § 19-7 6-101 et seq. a cash fund entitled the Department Division of Correction Nontax Revenue Receipts Fund to consist of receipts for telephone calls from coinless telephones located on Department Division of Correction grounds, and from other nontax receipts not previously identified to a fund of deposit.
 - (b) Funds held in the Department Division of Correction Nontax Revenue Receipts Fund are to be administered and expended by the Director of the Department Division of Correction within guidelines established by the Board of Corrections for periodic transfers to other department division funds or for disbursements in support of department division operations or debt service.
 - (c) The department division will request cash fund appropriations in accordance with established law and procedures after a determination by the board of the usage of the Department Division of Correction Nontax Revenue Receipts Fund.

- 22 SECTION 106. Arkansas Code § 12-27-129 is amended to read as follows: 23 12-27-129. Report on rehabilitation.
 - (a) The Department Division of Correction may report to the House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs no later than December 1 of each year regarding its efforts in rehabilitating the inmate population.
 - (b)(1) The report may include the department's division's rehabilitative efforts regarding inmate education, specific job training, behavior modification, psychological treatment and assistance, and substance abuse programs.
 - (2) Further, the report is to include the amount of meritorious good time awarded inmates by the department division for the successful completion of the various rehabilitative programs.

SECTION 107. Arkansas Code § 12-27-130 is amended to read as follows:

1 12-27-130. Reimbursement of county. 2 Notwithstanding any other provision of law or Department Division of 3 Correction's commitment which may exist to the contrary, the Board of 4 Corrections shall not increase any reimbursement rate for payments made to 5 any county for the purpose of reimbursing the expenses of the care and 6 custody of state inmates without first seeking and receiving the approval of 7 the Governor and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. 8 9 SECTION 108. Arkansas Code § 12-27-131(a), concerning receipts for 10 reimbursement for daily care of city or county prisoners, is amended to read 11 as follows: 12 (a) Receipts from cities or counties reimbursed to the Department 13 Division of Correction for daily care of city or county prisoners shall be 14 accounted for separately. 15 16 SECTION 109. Arkansas Code § 12-27-132 is amended to read as follows: 17 12-27-132. Award of pistol upon retirement or death. 18 When a Department Division of Community Correction parole or probation 19 officer retires from service or dies while still employed with the department 20 division, in recognition of and appreciation for the service of the retiring 21 or deceased parole or probation officer, the department division may award 22 the pistol carried by the officer at the time of his or her death or 23 retirement from service to: 24 (1) The parole or probation officer; or 25 The parole or probation officer's spouse if the spouse is 26 eligible under applicable state and federal laws to possess a firearm. 27 28 SECTION 110. Arkansas Code § 12-27-134 is amended to read as follows: 29 12-27-134. Probation services. 30 The Department Division of Community Correction shall administer, 31 in cooperation with the circuit courts, the provision of probation services

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that ensures the selection of qualified applicants to meet the needs of the

circuit courts and includes subject matter experts from the circuit courts.

The department division shall establish an acceptable procedure

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           SECTION 111. Arkansas Code § 12-27-136 is amended to read as follows:
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           12-27-136. Services and equipment.
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     Community Correction may provide services, furnishings, equipment, and office
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     board was created by law.
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           SECTION 112. Arkansas Code § 12-27-137, concerning confidentiality of
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     emergency preparedness documents, is amended to read as follows:
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           12-27-137. Confidentiality of emergency preparedness documents.
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                The following sections of the Department Division of Correction's
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     official Emergency Preparedness Manual are confidential and shall not be
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     subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-
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                Any document described in subsection (a) of this section shall
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     otherwise exempt by law.
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     described in subsection (a) of this section shall be reviewed annually by the
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Charitable, Penal and Correctional Institutions Subcommittee of the

1 Legislative Council.

- SECTION 113. Arkansas Code § 12-27-140(a)(1), concerning the Department of Community Correction Annual Report, is amended to read as follows:
- (a)(1) On July 31 of each year, the Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction shall submit an annual report to the Legislative Council showing the number of persons sentenced or transferred to the department <u>division</u> during the fiscal year for each criminal offense classification.

- SECTION 114. Arkansas Code § 12-27-140(c), concerning the Department of Community Correction Annual Report, is amended to read as follows:
 - (c) The department division shall cooperate with and upon request make presentations and provide various reports, to the extent the department division's budget will allow, to the Legislative Council concerning department division policy and criteria on discretionary offender programs and services.

- 19 SECTION 115. Arkansas Code § 12-27-142(a), concerning the Department 20 of Correction and the Department of Community Correction medical services 21 contract, is amended to read as follows:
 - (a) The Department Division Correction and the Department Division of Community Correction may enter into professional services contracts for medical services for a contract period not to exceed ten (10) years.

SECTION 116. Arkansas Code § 12-27-143 is amended to read as follows: 12-27-143. Award of service weapon upon retirement or death.

When a Department Division of Correction employee retires from service with at least twenty (20) years of service or dies while still employed with the department division, in recognition of and appreciation for the service of the retiring or deceased employee, the department division may award the service weapon carried by the employee at the time of his or her retirement from service or death to:

- (1) The employee; or
- 35 (2) The employee's spouse if the spouse is eligible under 36 applicable state and federal laws to possess a firearm.

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2	SECTION 117. Arkansas Code § 12-27-144 is amended to read as follows:
3	12-27-144. Department Division of Community Correction — Receipt of
4	grant money for certain purposes.
5	(a) The Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction may receive money
6	from any source to be deposited into the Accountability Court Fund to be used
7	for adult and juvenile specialty court programs as defined under § 16-10-139,
8	based upon a formula to be developed by the Arkansas Judicial Council,
9	reviewed by the Specialty Court Program Advisory Committee, and approved by
10	the Legislative Council.
11	(b) The department division may promulgate rules to implement this
12	section.
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14	SECTION 118. Arkansas Code § 12-27-145 is amended to read as follows:
15	12-27-145. Records to be posted on a public website — Definition.
16	(a) To the extent permitted by federal law, the Department <u>Division</u>
17	Correction shall post on the $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of Correction's website the
18	following information concerning an inmate:
19	(1) The offense and sentence for any conviction for which the
20	inmate is incarcerated, including:
21	(A) Whether the inmate is subject to a suspended sentence,
22	if known; and
23	(B) The terms of the suspended sentence, if applicable;
24	(2)(A)(i) Beginning July 1, 2015, the disciplinary record for
25	each inmate.
26	(ii) As used in this subsection, "disciplinary
27	record" means a list of each major disciplinary violation after July 1, 2015,
28	for which the inmate has been found guilty.
29	(B) Additionally, the list and the date of major
30	disciplinary violations for which the inmate was found guilty shall be
31	displayed during the period the inmate is being considered for transfer to
32	parole;
33	(3)(A) Risk assessment scores completed after April 1, 2015.
34	(B) Risk assessment scores under this subdivision (a)(3)
35	shall include the name of the state agency that completed the risk

assessment, the date the risk assessment was conducted, and the level of

1 assessment. 2 (C) Information by the Department Division of Correction 3 regarding how risk assessments are scored shall also be posted; 4 Custody status and level; 5 (5) Any known aliases: 6 (6) A current photograph of the inmate; 7 A complete felony conviction summary to the extent that 8 information is available to the Department Division of Correction; 9 To the extent the information is available to the Department 10 Division of Correction, if an order of protection, no contact order, or other 11 order from an in-state or out-of-state court that prohibits contact or 12 communication with another person is in place; 13 (9) Any programs completed by the inmate while in custody; and 14 (10) An inmate's parole eligibility date or date he or she is to 15 be released from incarceration as well as a general explanation of how an 16 inmate's parole eligibility date is calculated, including good time credits. 17 (b)(1) To the extent permitted by federal law, the Department Division 18 of Community Correction shall post on the Department Division of Community 19 Correction's website the following information concerning a probationer, 20 parolee, or other person under the supervision of the Department Division of 21 Community Correction who has absconded or has had a warrant issued for his or 22 her arrest for evading supervision: 23 (A) Any offense and sentence for which the probationer, 24 parolee, or other person under the supervision of the Department Division of 25 Community Correction is being supervised, including: 26 (i) Whether the probationer, parolee, or other 27 person under the supervision of the Department Division of Community 28 Correction is subject to a suspended sentence, if known; and 29 (ii) The terms of the suspended sentence, if 30 applicable; 31 (B) A complete felony conviction summary to the extent 32 that information is available to the Department Division of Community 33 Correction; 34 (C)(i) Risk assessment scores completed after April 1, 35 2015. 36 (ii) Risk assessment scores under this subdivision

- 1 (b)(1)(C) shall include the name of the state agency that completed the risk
- 2 assessment, the date the risk assessment was conducted, and the level of
- 3 assessment.
- 4 (iii) Information by the Department <u>Division</u> of
- 5 Community Correction regarding how risk assessments are scored shall also be
- 6 posted;
- 7 (D) Any known aliases;
- 8 (E) A most recent photograph of the probationer, parolee,
- 9 or other person under the supervision of the $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of Community
- 10 Correction;
- 11 (F) To the extent the information is available to the
- 12 Department Division of Community Correction, if an order of protection, no-
- 13 contact order, or other order from an in-state or out-of-state court that
- 14 prohibits contact or communication with another person is in place;
- 15 (G) All major disciplinary violations while the
- 16 probationer, parolee, or other person under the supervision of the Department
- 17 <u>Division</u> of Community Correction was incarcerated and the date of the major
- 18 disciplinary violation disposition;
- 19 (H) Any programs completed by the probationer, parolee, or
- 20 other person under the supervision of the Department Division of Community
- 21 Correction while on supervision and the date of completion; and
- 22 (I) A list of previous revocation offenses while on
- 23 probation or parole and date of revocation.
- 24 (2) The Department Division of Community Correction shall
- 25 develop a plan to establish a method for a victim of a crime committed by a
- 26 probationer, parolee, or other person under the supervision of the Department
- 27 Division of Community Correction to directly and easily access the
- 28 information listed under this subsection.
- 29 (c)(1) When possible, court-generated records listed under this
- 30 section shall be electronic copies of the actual court documents.
- 31 (2) All victim information included in the court-generated
- 32 records under this subsection shall be redacted.
- 34 SECTION 119. Arkansas Code § 12-27-146 is amended to read as follows:
- 35 12-27-146. Tracking an inmate or person being supervised who is
- 36 serving a suspended sentence.

- (a) The Department Division of Community Correction shall track a person under its supervision who is serving a suspended sentence and notify the prosecuting attorney with jurisdiction over the person's suspended sentence if the department division knows that the person has not complied with the terms and conditions of the suspended sentence.
 - (b) A circuit court shall notify the department division of all suspended sentences to which the circuit court sentences a defendant, including the defendant's name, the terms and conditions of the suspended sentence, and the length of the suspended sentence.

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- SECTION 120. Arkansas Code § 12-27-147 is amended to read as follows: 12 12-27-147. Rulemaking and administrative directive reporting
- 13 requirement.
- 14 (a) A rule implemented by the Board of Corrections, Department
 15 Division of Correction, Department Division of Community Correction, or the
 16 Parole Board pertaining to this act shall be approved by the appropriate
 17 legislative committee before becoming effective.
 - (b) Any administrative directive or board policy pertaining to this act implemented by the Board of Corrections, Department Division of Correction, Department Division of Community Correction, or the Parole Board shall be reported to the Legislative Council.

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- SECTION 121. Arkansas Code § 12-27-148(a), concerning the Department of Community Correction confidentiality of emergency preparedness document, is amended to read as follows:
 - 12-27-148. Confidentiality of emergency preparedness document of the Department Division of Community Correction.
 - (a) The following sections of the Department Division of Community Correction's official Emergency Preparedness Manual are confidential and shall not be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.:
 - (1) Command Post Checklist;
 - (2) Command Notifications;
- 34 (3) Internal Notifications;
- 35 (4) External Notifications;
- 36 (5) Recall Notifications;

1	(6) Family Notifications;
2	(7) Tactical Systems;
3	(8) Command Structure;
4	(9) Emergency Locations;
5	(10) Emergency Equipment;
6	(11) Emergency Deactivation;
7	(12) Emergency Plans;
8	(13) Work Stoppage Directive;
9	(14) Evacuation Diagrams; and
10	(15) Facility Maps, Utility Locations.
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12	SECTION 122. Arkansas Code § 12-27-149 is amended to read as follows:
13	12-27-149. Department Division of Community Correction — Sufficient
14	staffing guidelines.
15	For the purposes of maintaining a sufficiently trained and specialized
16	staff of probation and parole officers, the Department <u>Division</u> of Community
17	Correction shall establish staffing guidelines using evidence-based practice
18	to develop ratios between the number of high-risk, medium-risk, and low-risk
19	probationers and parolees and the probation officers and parole officers
20	assigned to the high-risk, medium-risk, and low-risk probationers and
21	parolees in order to maximize the effectiveness of the monitoring ability of
22	the probation officers and parole officers.
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24	SECTION 123. Arkansas Code § 12-27-202(a)(4), concerning the
25	legislative findings and intent under the Pay-for-Success Act, is amended to
26	read as follows:
27	(4) It is in the best interests of Arkansas residents to
28	encourage and enable the $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of Community Correction to
29	obtain financing for certain intervention services to reduce the recidivism
30	rate in Arkansas correctional facilities.
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32	SECTION 124. Arkansas Code § 12-27-202(b), concerning the legislative
33	findings and intent under the Pay-for-Success Act, is amended to read as
34	follows:
35	(b) The General Assembly intends for this subchapter to enable the

 $\frac{\text{department}}{\text{division}} \text{ to obtain private financing for intervention services on}$

1 a pay-for-success basis to reduce the reincarceration rate in Arkansas 2 correctional facilities.

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- SECTION 125. Arkansas Code § 12-27-203(2), concerning the definition of "pay-for-success program" under the Pay-for-Success Act, is amended to read as follows:
- (2) "Pay-for-success program" means a program in which the Department Division of Community Correction pays for intervention services only if certain performance targets are met, including without limitation a reduction in the reincarceration rate in Arkansas correctional facilities through intervention measures that focus on improving personal responsibility and decision making.

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- SECTION 126. Arkansas Code § 12-27-204(a) and (b), concerning the
 Department of Community Correction pay-for-success programs, is amended to
 read as follows:
 - (a) The Department Division of Community Correction may enter into an agreement with entities, including without limitation licensed or accredited, as applicable, community-based providers specializing in behavioral health, case management, and job placement services, and two-year or four-year public universities to create a pay-for-success program for incarcerated individuals or individuals on parole or probation that requires the department division to pay for the intervention services only if the performance targets stated in the agreement are achieved.
 - (b) Before entering into an agreement under subsection (a) of this section, the department division shall:
 - (1) Calculate the amount and timing of the payments that would be earned by the entity providing the intervention services during each year of the agreement if the performance targets are achieved; and
- 30 (2) Make a written determination that the agreement will result 31 in specific performance improvements and budgetary savings if the performance 32 targets are achieved.

- 34 SECTION 127. Arkansas Code § 12-28-101 is amended to read as follows: 35 12-28-101. Facilities.
- 36 (a)(1) The Department Division of Correction, with the approval of the

- 1 Board of Corrections, shall provide appropriate incarceration facilities for
- 2 women, youthful offenders, and other adult offenders committed to the
- 3 department division by the courts of this state.
- 4 (2) The department division shall also provide education and 5 other rehabilitation and treatment programs designed to prepare inmates
- 6 committed to the <u>department</u> <u>division</u> for productive and law-abiding lives
- 7 upon release from the department division.
 - (3) The department division may contract with state or private entities such as accredited colleges or universities to provide additional educational opportunities for inmates under the direction and authority of the board and the Corrections School System.
 - (b) Any facility built or occupied by the <u>department</u> <u>division</u> for use as a correctional facility shall be given a designated name of "unit" or "center" depending on its size, location, and purpose of usage.

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- 16 SECTION 128. Arkansas Code § 12-28-104 is amended to read as follows: 17 12-28-104. Paroling authority.
- 18 (a) The Parole Board shall be the paroling authority for the units of
 19 the Department of Correction Corrections and shall make recommendations to
 20 the Governor in cases from the criminal courts that, in the board's opinion,
 21 the defendant in the case should be pardoned.
 - (b) The board shall consider the work skills, education, rehabilitation, and treatment programs recommended to the inmate upon intake and determine whether the inmate took advantage of those opportunities while incarcerated in the department in making decisions regarding parole.

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- SECTION 129. Arkansas Code § 12-28-105 is amended to read as follows: 12-28-105. Continuity of care for persons released.
- (a)(1) Any person incarcerated by the Department Division of Correction may be permitted to remain within a treatment facility operated by the department division, if serious physical or mental disorders or disabilities exist, until release to a similar treatment setting outside of the department division can be accomplished.
- 34 (2) In no case should the continuation of housing extend beyond 35 a seventy-two-hour period.
 - (b) The department division will adopt rules to govern the housing

1 situations.
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3 SECTION 130. Arkansas Code § 12-28-106 is amended to read as follows:
4 12-28-106. Electric fencing.

- (a)(1) The Department Division of Correction may design and install high-voltage electrified security fence systems at all existing and proposed medium and maximum security prisons.
- 8 (2) However, at the time of installation there shall be posted 9 universal danger signs on all sides of the system clearly visible to inmates 10 and the public displaying in English and Spanish the warning "deadly 11 voltage".
- 12 (b) The installation of these fence systems shall be double, twelve-13 feet-high, security perimeter fences, with the exception of those locations 14 where a building or wall constitutes a part of the security perimeter.
 - (c) At institutions where these fences have been installed, the department division shall provide perimeter patrol for the safety of the local community.

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- SECTION 131. Arkansas Code § 12-27-107(a), concerning training for inmates, is amended to read as follows:
- (a) As provided for in § 12-28-101, the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction shall provide education as well as training for inmates who want to acquire skills for employment upon release.

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- SECTION 132. Arkansas Code § 12-27-107(b)(1), concerning training for inmates, is amended to read as follows:
- (b)(1) The department division shall identify high-demand vocations and careers and shall accordingly create training and skills programs to prepare inmates for gainful employment upon release.

- SECTION 133. Arkansas Code § 12-28-602 is amended to read as follows: 12-28-602. Definitions.
- 33 As used in this subchapter:
- 34 (1) "Board" means the Board of Corrections;
- 35 (2) "County backlog" means those inmates sentenced to the
 36 Department Division of Correction who are being housed in the county jails

- 1 until space is available in a prison;
- 2 (3) "Prison" means a correctional facility operated by the
- 3 department division under the supervision and direction of the board;
- 4 (4) "Prison system" means the prison facilities of the 5 department division; and
- 6 (5) "Rated capacity" means the actual available bed space in the 7 prison system as certified by the board, subject to applicable federal and 8 state laws and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to those laws.

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- SECTION 134. Arkansas Code § 12-28-604(a)(1), concerning list of inmates eligible for early parole or discharge, is amended to read as follows:
 - (a)(1) When the Board of Corrections declares a prison overcrowding state of emergency due to exceeding ninety-eight percent (98%) of the rated capacity and notifies the Director of the Department Division of Correction of the emergency as authorized, the director shall certify to the board a list of those inmates who are Class I and Class II, and the director shall indicate which inmates he or she recommends for parole, transfer, or discharge.

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- SECTION 135. Arkansas Code § 12-28-604(b)(1), concerning list of inmates eligible for early parole or discharge, is amended to read as follows:
 - (b)(1) When the board declares a prison overcrowding state of emergency due to the county jail backlog exceeding five hundred (500) inmates and notifies the director of the emergency as authorized, the director shall certify to the board a list of those inmates who are in Class I or Class II status who have been incarcerated in a department division facility for a minimum of six (6) months and are serving a sentence for a nonviolent offense as established by the board, and the director shall indicate which inmates he or she recommends for parole, transfer, or discharge.

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- SECTION 136. Arkansas Code § 12-28-702(3), concerning legislative findings and determinations under the Arkansas Boot Camp Act, is amended to read as follows:
 - (3) The Department Division of Correction should be given the

1 authority to establish boot camps which will provide a more affordable means 2 of punishing certain inmates who are designated as eligible for this 3 alternative punishment by the department division. 4 5 SECTION 137. Arkansas Code § 12-29-102 is amended to read as follows: 6 12-29-102. Inmates denied participation in furlough programs. 7 A person who is convicted of any of the following offenses shall be 8 ineligible to participate in any meritorious furlough program conducted by or 9 for the Department Division of Correction: 10 (1) Capital murder, § 5-10-101; 11 (2) Murder in the first degree, § 5-10-102; 12 (3) Kidnapping, § 5-11-102; 13 (4) Rape, § 5-14-103; 14 (5) Any other offense concerning sexual offenses under § 5-14-15 101 et seq.; 16 An offense concerning sexual exploitation of children under 17 the Arkansas Protection of Children Against Exploitation Act of 1979, § 5-27-18 301 et seq.; 19 (7) An offense concerning use of children in sexual performances under § 5-27-401 et seq.; or 20 21 (8) Stalking, § 5-71-229. 22 23 SECTION 138. Arkansas Code § 12-29-104 is amended to read as follows: 24 12-29-104. Contacts with persons outside the institution. 25 Under rules prescribed by the Department Division of Correction, heads 26 of the institutions of the department division may authorize: 27 (1) Visits and correspondence, under reasonable conditions, 28 between inmates and approved friends, relatives, and others; 29 (2) Temporary release of an inmate for such occasions as the 30 serious illness or death of a member of the inmate's family; or 31 (3) An interview of the inmate by a prospective employer. 32 33 SECTION 139. Arkansas Code § 12-29-106(a)(1), concerning mail to and 34 from inmates, is amended to read as follows: 35 (a)(1) A person without the consent of the Director of the Department 36 Division of Correction shall not bring into or carry out of a prison any

letter or writing to or from any inmate.

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- SECTION 140. Arkansas Code § 12-29-110 is amended to read as follows: 12-29-110. Selling or trading position, working condition, or promotion — Penalty.
 - (a) It is unlawful for any inmate or employee of the Department Division of Correction or any other person to sell, barter, or trade, or to promise or offer to sell, barter, or trade any favored job or position, working condition, or any promotion or demotion in any job or position at the department division and to:
- 11 (1) Accept or receive any money, consideration, or thing of 12 value therefor;
 - (2) Make or accept any loan or money as inducement thereof; or
- 14 (3) Accept or receive any favored condition or job or position 15 at the department division either directly or indirectly as a result thereof.
- 16 (b)(1) A violation of this section is an unclassified felony
 17 punishable by imprisonment for not less than one (1) year nor more than five
 18 (5) years.
 - (2) If the person convicted under this section is an inmate in the <u>department division</u>, the sentence shall commence to run from the expiration of the sentence under which the person is serving at the time of the violation of this section.

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- SECTION 141. Arkansas Code § 12-29-111 is amended to read as follows: 12-29-111. Transport of inmate required for legal proceeding.
 - (a) If an inmate in the care and custody of the Department Division of Correction or the Department Division of Community Correction is required to be present during a criminal proceeding or a civil proceeding that arises from a criminal charge or conviction of any court in this state, the county sheriff of the county in which the criminal proceeding or civil proceeding takes place shall take custody of the inmate at the institution where the inmate is confined, transport the inmate to the appropriate county, and make him or her available to the court.
 - (b) At the conclusion of the criminal proceeding or civil proceeding, the county sheriff shall transport the inmate back to the unit of the Department Division of Correction or Department Division of Community

- 1 Correction from which the inmate was received and shall return custody of the
- 2 inmate to the Department Division of Correction or Department Division of
- 3 Community Correction officials.
- 4 (c)(1) The county sheriff's office is responsible for the custody,
- 5 sustenance, and safety of the inmate from the time the inmate is placed into
- 6 its custody until the time custody of the inmate is returned to the
- 7 Department Division of Correction or the Department Division of Community
- 8 Correction.
- 9 (2) The county in which the legal proceeding is held is
- 10 responsible for all expenses relating to the transportation and care of the
- 11 inmate.
- 12 (d) While transporting an inmate under this section, a county sheriff
- 13 has the full authority of his or her office in any county of this state in
- 14 matters relating to the transportation.
- 15 (e) This section does not apply to the transportation and care costs
- 16 for court appearances arising from charges brought by the $\frac{Department}{Division}$
- 17 of Correction against the inmate for offenses committed while the inmate is
- 18 under the custody and care of the Department Division of Correction.
- 19 (f)(1) When an inmate in the care and custody of the Department
- 20 <u>Division</u> of Correction or the Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction is
- 21 required to be present for appearances in a civil proceeding that does not
- 22 arise from a criminal charge or conviction, the court requiring the inmate's
- 23 presence may assess costs against one (1) or more of the parties to the
- 24 proceeding to be paid to the Department Division of Correction or the
- 25 Department Division Community Correction to compensate the actual cost of
- 26 transporting the inmate and to compensate other costs assessed by the court.
- 27 (2) Costs under this subsection shall not be assessed against
- 28 the Department of Human Services if the Department of Human Services is a
- 29 party to the proceeding.
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- 31 SECTION 142. Arkansas Code § 12-29-112(a), concerning the discharge or
- 32 release of prisoner, is amended to read as follows:
- 33 (a) At least one hundred twenty (120) days before an inmate's
- 34 anticipated release date, the Department Division of Correction, in
- 35 collaboration with the inmate and the Department Division of Community
- 36 Correction and the Parole Board, shall complete a prerelease assessment and

reentry plan, which may include a travel subsidy and transportation to the closest commercial transportation pick-up point.

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- SECTION 143. Arkansas Code § 12-29-114 is amended to read as follows: 12-29-114. Notice of escape to victim or victim's next of kin.
 - (a)(1) Whenever an inmate serving a sentence for the commission of a crime escapes from the custody of the Department Division of Correction, it shall be the responsibility of the department division to immediately notify the victim of the crime or the victim's next of kin of the inmate's escape.
- 10 (2) However, the victim of the crime or the victim's next of kin 11 will not be notified by the department division unless a request for the 12 notification has previously been delivered in writing to the department 13 division.
 - (b)(1) When notice of an escape is given by the department division, it shall be conveyed by telephone whenever possible and otherwise in writing to the last known address of the victim or the victim's next of kin.
 - (2) It shall be the responsibility of the victim or the victim's next of kin to notify the <u>department division</u> in writing of any future changes in the victim's or victim's next of kin address and telephone number.
 - (c) It shall be the responsibility of the prosecuting attorney of the county from which the inmate was committed to notify the victim or the victim's next of kin that an address and telephone number may be provided to the department division, and the procedure by which to supply information, for the purpose of notification should the inmate escape.

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- 26 SECTION 144. Arkansas Code § 12-29-115 is amended to read as follows: 27 12-29-115. Combination to escape — Authority of guards.
 - (a) The officers and guards of the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction shall use all lawful and suitable means to defend themselves, secure the persons of offenders, and prevent attempted violence and escape whenever two (2) or more inmates shall combine for the following purposes or whenever one (1) or more inmates shall:
 - (1) Offer violence to any officer, guard, or inmate;
- 34 (2) Do or attempt to do any injury to any building, workshop, or appurtenance thereto;
- 36 (3) Attempt to escape; or

- 1 (4) Resist any lawful demand.
- 2 (b) If any of the officers or guards employed in the department
 3 division shall, in the attempt to prevent the escape of any inmate, any
 4 attempt to retake any inmate who may have escaped, or in the attempt to
 5 suppress any riot, revolt, or insurrection, take the life of any inmate, the
 6 officer or guard shall not be held responsible therefor unless it is done
 7 unnecessarily or wantonly.

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- 9 SECTION 145. Arkansas Code § 12-29-201(a)-(f), concerning good time 10 for inmates, are amended to read as follows:
- 11 12-29-201. Meritorious good time.
 - (a) An inmate may be entitled to meritorious good time reducing his or her transfer eligibility date up to thirty (30) days for each month incarcerated after imposition of sentence in one (1) of the units, facilities, and centers maintained by the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction or the <u>Department</u> Division of Community Correction.
 - (b) An inmate transferred or paroled to the supervision of the Department Division of Community Correction under § 16-93-615 may receive meritorious good time reducing his or her time of transfer or parole supervision up to thirty (30) days for each month he or she is under the supervision of the Department Division of Community Correction.
 - (c) Meritorious good time shall be allocated under rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Corrections and administered by the respective Department Division of Correction or Department Division of Community Correction staff subject to the provisions of this subchapter for good discipline, behavior, work practices, job responsibilities, and involvement in rehabilitative activities while in the custody or under the supervision of the Department Division of Correction or the Department Division of Correction.
- 30 (d) Meritorious good time will not be applied to reduce the length of 31 a sentence.
- 32 (e)(1) Meritorious good time shall apply to an inmate's transfer 33 eligibility date from the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction or a community 34 correction facility.
- 35 (2) Meritorious good time shall under no circumstances reduce an inmate's time served in prison by more than one-half (½) of the percentage

- 1 required by law for transfer eligibility.
- 2 (3) Meritorious good time shall under no circumstances reduce an
- 3 inmate's confinement in a community correction facility by more than one-half
- $4 (\frac{1}{2}).$
- 5 (f)(1) The Department Division of Correction or the Department
- 6 <u>Division</u> of Community Correction shall determine a date on which the inmate
- 7 who has acquired the maximum amount of meritorious good time necessary is to
- 8 be administratively transferred to a less restrictive placement or
- 9 supervision level within the Department Division of Community Correction.
- 10 (2) This date will be determined in accordance with the policies
- 11 developed by the Arkansas Sentencing Commission within the parameters allowed
- 12 by law.

- 14 SECTION 146. Arkansas Code § 12-29-204 is amended to read as follows:
- 15 12-29-204. Statutory good time Maximum reduction.
- 16 No inmate sentenced to the Department Division of Correction shall ever
- 17 receive a reduction under this subchapter, or this subchapter and another
- 18 subchapter jointly, of more than thirty (30) days for each month served
- 19 except for the additional days of meritorious good time awards authorized in
- 20 § 12-29-202(d).

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- 22 SECTION 147. Arkansas Code § 12-29-205(a)(1), concerning good time
- 23 earned by prisoners pending transfer, is amended to read as follows:
- 24 (a)(1) Any person who is sentenced by a circuit court to the
- 25 Department Division of Correction or the Department Division of Community
- 26 Correction and is awaiting transfer to the Department Division of Correction
- 27 or Department Division of Community Correction may earn meritorious good time
- 28 in accordance with law and regulations as adopted by the Board of
- 29 Corrections.

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- 31 SECTION 148. Arkansas Code § 12-29-205(a)(3), concerning good time
- 32 earned by prisoners pending transfer, is amended to read as follows:
- 33 (3) Meritorious good time will be calculated upon reception
- 34 within the respective department division.

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SECTION 149. Arkansas Code § 12-29-301(a) and (b), concerning the

1 creation of the Corrections School System, are amended to read as follows:

- (a) Properties owned by the State of Arkansas and occupied by the various units of the Department Division of Correction and the Department Division of Community Correction are by this subchapter designated as a qualified school district to be known as the "Corrections School System".
- (b) The system is created for the purpose of providing elementary, secondary, and vocational and technical education to qualified persons incarcerated in facilities of the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction and the <u>Department Division</u> of Community Correction or to qualified persons supervised by the <u>Department Division</u> of Community Correction, including those on probation and parole or any type of post prison release or transfer who are not high school graduates, irrespective of age.

SECTION 150. Arkansas Code § 12-29-303 is amended to read as follows: 15 12-29-303. Privileges of students — Limitations.

A school established under this subchapter and a person incarcerated who attends the school shall be entitled to certain educational privileges provided generally to common public schools and adult education programs administered by the State Board of Education to students who attend the common public schools and adult education programs under the laws of the State of Arkansas, provided the privileges do not conflict with the rules and policies of the State Board of Education, the Department Division of Correction, and the Department Division of Community Correction or the laws of the state respecting the establishment and operation of the Department Division of Community Correction.

SECTION 151. Arkansas Code § 12-29-304 is amended to read as follows: 12-29-304. Costs and funding.

(a) The cost of implementing and operating the Corrections School System shall be borne by the state and shall be paid from funds appropriated by the General Assembly from the general revenues of the state to the Department Division of Correction, the Department Division of Community Correction, and the Department of Education, together with any federal funds that may be available for that purpose and from any funds generated from the operations of the Department Division of Correction and the Department Division of Correction and the Department

- 1 (1) The cost of facilities, equipment, and current operation in
- 2 excess of the amount of grants and aids received from the Department Division
- 3 of Education shall be borne by the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction and the
- 4 Department Division of Community Correction as approved by the Board of
- 5 Corrections:
- 6 (2)(A) The system, as other school districts in the state, shall
- 7 share in the distribution of grants and aids from the Department <u>Division</u> of
- 8 Education.
- 9 (B) However, in no case shall the moneys from the Public
- 10 School Fund to the system be in excess of the line item appropriation
- 11 provided to the system in the fund.
- 12 (b)(1) Recognizing that the primary roles, duties, and
- 13 responsibilities of the Department Division of Correction and the Department
- 14 <u>Division</u> of Community Correction are to serve as penal and correctional
- 15 institutions, the system shall be exempt from and shall not be penalized in
- 16 any manner for not complying with:
- 17 (A) All of the following:
- 18 (i) The Quality Education Act of 2003, § 6-15-201 et
- 19 seq.;
- 20 (ii) The Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment,
- 21 and Accountability Program Act, § 6-15-401 et seq.;
- 22 (iii) Sections 6-15-901, 6-15-902, 6-15-2001 6-15-
- 23 2008, 6-15-2101 6-15-2107, 6-15-2201, 6-15-2301, and 6-16-1201 6-16-1206;
- 24 (iv) The Arkansas Fiscal Assessment and
- 25 Accountability Program, § 6-20-1901 et seq.; and
- 26 (v) The Arkansas Educational Financial Accounting
- 27 and Reporting Act of 2004, § 6-20-2201 et seq.;
- 28 (B) Any state laws or rules adopted to comply with the
- 29 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act as reauthorized under the No
- 30 Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq., as in existence on
- 31 January 1, 2005; and
- 32 (C) Any rule of the State Board of Education related to
- 33 the provisions listed in this subdivision (b)(1).
- 34 (2) The system's exemption from or noncompliance with the
- 35 provisions under this subsection shall not affect the system's, the
- 36 Department Division of Correction's, or the Department Division of Community

1 Correction's eligibility to apply for or receive state grants or aids for 2 public school districts as authorized in this subchapter and related rules. 3 4 SECTION 152. Arkansas Code § 12-29-306, concerning Riverside 5 Vocational and Technical School, is amended to read as follows: 6 12-29-306. Riverside Vocational and Technical School - Legislative 7 intent. 8 This section and $\S\S$ 12-29-307 - 12-29-310 are intended to create 9 an additional state vocational and technical school to provide vocational and 10 technical education and training opportunities to qualified persons 11 incarcerated in facilities of the Department Division of Correction and the 12 Department Division of Community Correction or to qualified persons 13 supervised by the Department Division of Community Correction, including 14 those on probation and parole or any type of post prison release or transfer. 15 This section and $\S\S$ 12-29-307 - 12-29-310 are not intended to 16 modify or repeal any of the laws of this state pertaining to vocational and 17 technical schools or vocational and technical education. 18 19 SECTION 153. Arkansas Code § 12-29-307 is amended to read as follows: 20 12-29-307. Riverside Vocational and Technical School - Establishment. 21 There is established a state vocational and technical school, to be 22 known as the "Riverside Vocational and Technical School", to be operated by 23 the Career Education and Workforce Development Board within the Department 24 Division of Correction and the Department Division of Community Correction at 25 such facilities of the Department Division of Correction and the Department 26 Division of Community Correction as may be designated by the Department of 27 Career Education in cooperation and agreement with the Board of Corrections. 28 29 SECTION 154. Arkansas Code § 12-29-402(a), concerning prisoner 30 physical examination and assignment to labor, is amended to read as follows: 31 (a) All prisoners committed to the Department Division of Correction

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SECTION 155. Arkansas Code § 12-29-403 is amended to read as follows: 12-29-403. Inmates with a disability — Duty of physician.

shall be given a physical examination initially upon arrival and then as

often as determined by medical staff of the department division.

- 1 (a)(1) Each new inmate committed to the Department Division of 2 Correction shall be given a medical examination during the intake process.
- 3 (2)(A) During the medical examination required under subdivision
- 4 (a)(1) of this section, the medical provider shall determine what
- 5 restrictions if any shall be placed upon the inmate's work assignments.
- 6 (B) Restrictions placed upon an inmate's work assignments
- 7 under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section shall be updated as medically
- 8 necessary.
- 9 (b) The department division shall not assign an inmate to a work
- 10 assignment that conflicts with a restriction determined by the medical
- 11 provider for the department division under subdivision (a)(2) of this
- 12 section.
- 13 (c) Whenever the medical provider updates the restrictions under
- 14 subdivision (a)(2) of this section, the department division shall adjust the
- 15 inmate's work assignments as necessary to comply with the updated
- 16 restrictions.

- SECTION 156. Arkansas Code § 12-29-404(b), concerning medical parole
- 19 for terminal illness or permanent incapacitation, is amended to read as
- 20 follows:
- 21 (b) The Director of the Department Division of Correction or the
- 22 Director of the Department Division of Community Correction shall communicate
- 23 to the Parole Board when, in the independent opinions of either a Department
- 24 Division of Correction physician or Department Division of Community
- 25 Correction physician, and a consultant physician in Arkansas, an inmate is
- 26 either terminally ill or permanently incapacitated and should be considered
- 27 for transfer to parole supervision.

- 29 SECTION 157. Arkansas Code § 12-29-405(a), concerning inmates with
- 30 mental illness, is amended to read as follows:
- 31 12-29-405. Inmates with mental illness.
- 32 (a) The Department Division of Corrections authorized to develop in-
- 33 house due process procedures as approved by the Board of Corrections in
- 34 accordance with United States Supreme Court guidelines for the voluntary or
- 35 involuntary treatment of inmates with mental illness at the facilities and
- 36 programs of the Mental Health Services Section of the Division of Health

Treatment Services of the Department Division of Correction.

- SECTION 158. Arkansas Code § 12-29-405(b)(2), concerning inmates with mental illness, is amended to read as follows:
- (2) If an inmate's sentence expires while in treatment, the department division shall release the inmate or pursue involuntary admission under the appropriate procedures prescribed by existing laws governing the involuntary treatment of individuals with mental illness.

- SECTION 159. Arkansas Code § 12-29-406 is amended to read as follows: 11 12-29-406. Treatment for deviant sexual behavior.
 - (a) The purpose of this section is to enable the Department Division of Correction to establish a core program that will utilize services of medical and mental health providers in the community to provide intensive treatment of inmates with paraphilia, commonly known as sexual deviations, during their incarceration to increase their chance of returning to society successfully upon their release.
 - (b)(1) The Mental Health Services Section of the Division of Health Treatment Services of the Department Division of Corrections Correction authorized to establish and maintain a program for intensive treatment for control of deviant sexual behavior of inmates in a specialized treatment setting and to cooperate with the medical services provider in screening for sexually transmitted diseases as part of this program.
 - (2) The <u>department</u> <u>division</u> may develop the program in such a manner as to utilize outside professionals from the medical and mental health fields to provide both teaching and training opportunities.
 - (c) The section shall adopt, promulgate, and enforce such rules, regulations, policies, and standards as may be necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of this section.

- 31 SECTION 160. Arkansas Code § 12-29-407(a), concerning suspension of 32 inmate Medicaid, is amended to read as follows:
 - (a) When an individual who is enrolled in a Medicaid program or the Health Care Independence Program is incarcerated to the custody of the Department Division of Correction, the Department Division of Community Correction, or detained in a county jail, city jail, juvenile detention

- 1 facility, or other Division of Youth Services commitment, the Department of
- 2 Human Services shall suspend, to the degree feasible, the individual's
- 3 coverage during the period of incarceration for up to twelve (12) months from
- 4 the initial approval or renewal, unless prohibited by law.

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- SECTION 161. Arkansas Code § 12-29-506(b), concerning duties of Attorney General, is amended to read as follows:
- 8 (b) However, the Attorney General may refer to the prosecuting
 9 attorney of the county from which the inmate in the Department Division of
 10 Correction or the person residing in a Department Division of Community
 11 Correction facility was sentenced, or to the prosecuting attorney of the
 12 county in which any property or estate of the inmate or person is located, to
- 13 investigate or assist in legal proceedings to obtain the reimbursements for
- 14 the cost of care of the inmate or person, as authorized in this subchapter.

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- SECTION 162. Arkansas Code § 12-29-507(a), concerning the deposit of recovered moneys by the Department of Correction, is amended to read as follows:
- (a)(1) All moneys recovered for the cost of care of prisoners in a
 facility of the Department Division of Correction or the Department Division
 of Community Correction under this subchapter shall be deposited into the
 State Treasury.
 - (2) The Treasurer of State shall credit the moneys to the appropriate fund established by law from which appropriations to the Department Division of Correction or the Department Division of Community Correction are made for inmate care and custody at the Department Division of Correction.

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- 29 SECTION 163. Arkansas Code § 12-30-101(g), concerning bartering 30 products of institutions, is amended to read as follows:
- 31 (g) The board may make reasonable rules and regulations governing the 32 Department Division of Correction in the administration of contracts, 33 compacts, or agreements made under the provisions of this section.

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35 SECTION 164. Arkansas Code § 12-30-102(e), concerning the buying and 36 selling products of institutions, is amended to read as follows:

1	(e) The board may make reasonable rules and regulations governing the
2	Department Division of Correction in the administration of contracts,
3	compacts, or agreements made under the provisions of this section.
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5	SECTION 165. Arkansas Code § 12-30-103(a), concerning the workcraft
6	program, is amended to read as follows:
7	12-30-103. Workcraft program.
8	(a) The Department <u>Division</u> of Correction and the Department <u>Division</u>
9	of Community Correction are authorized to operate a workcraft program that
10	offers instruction and training for their inmates, thereby helping prepare
11	them for employment after incarceration.
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13	SECTION 166. Arkansas Code § 12-30-104(a)(1), concerning sale of
14	workcraft items, is amended to read as follows:
15	(a)(1) The sale of items produced in the Department Division of
16	Correction or the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction workcraft programs may be
17	through one (1) or more retail outlets operated by the Department Division of
18	Correction or the $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of Community Correction.
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20	SECTION 167. Arkansas Code § 12-30-105(a), concerning the marketing
21	contracts of the Department of Correction, is amended to read as follows:
22	(a)(1) The $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of Correction may enter into marketing
23	contracts with dealers, retailers, distributors, and manufacturer
24	representatives permitting them to market and sell all products and services
25	produced by the department division industry program in accordance with
26	existing laws and state purchasing regulations.
27	(2) The Industry Division of the department division will be
28	responsible for all billing of purchased products and services to ensure that
29	only customers authorized by law are making said purchases.
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31	SECTION 168. Arkansas Code § 12-30-203 is amended to read as follows:
32	12-30-203. Establishment of prison industries.
33	The Board of Corrections may purchase, in the manner provided by law,
34	equipment, raw materials, and supplies and engage supervisory personnel
35	necessary to establish and maintain for this state, at the Department
36	<u>Division</u> of Correction or institution under control of the board, industries

- l for the utilization of services of prisoners in the manufacture or production
- 2 of articles or products as may be needed for the construction, operation,
- 3 maintenance, or use of any office, department division, institution, or
- 4 agency supported, in whole or in part, by this state and the political
- 5 subdivisions of this state.

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- SECTION 169. Arkansas Code § 12-30-204 is amended to read as follows: 12-30-204. Purchase of goods by state and local agencies.
- 9 (a)(1) All offices, departments, divisions, institutions, and agencies 10 of this state which are supported in whole or in part by this state, and all 11 political subdivisions of this state, may purchase, at the discretion of the 12 office, department, division, institution, or agency, from the Board of 13 Corrections any products required by the offices, departments, divisions, 14 institutions, agencies, or political subdivisions of this state produced or 15 manufactured by the Department Division of Correction utilizing prison labor 16 as provided for by this subchapter.
 - (2)(A)(i) The Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and Administration may request that the board propose the purchase of license plates which are necessary as evidence of registration of motor vehicles and trailers to be issued by the division's Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and Administration's revenue offices.
 - (ii) The license plates would be produced or manufactured by the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction utilizing prison labor.
 - (B) The provisions of this subdivision (a)(2) shall be applicable beginning with the contracts for purchase or any purchases of license plates which are required after the expiration of any contracts for the purchase or manufacture of license plates that are in effect.
 - (b) Such offices, departments, divisions, institutions, and agencies shall not be required to submit an invitation for bid to the board for all products known to be produced or manufactured by the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction utilizing prison labor as provided for by this subchapter.
 - (c)(1) The Department Division of Correction may enter into an agreement with the Old State House Commission to utilize inmate labor in the production or manufacture of items for resale by the Old State House Museum.
 - (2) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(3) of this section, the proceeds from the sales of the items produced or manufactured under

- 1 subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall be used by the Old State House
- 2 Museum to:
- 3 (A) Develop exhibits and programs about the history of the
- 4 Department Division of Correction; or
- 5 (B) Maintain the Old State House Museum's collection of
- 6 the Department Division of Correction artifacts.
- 7 (3) The Department Division of Correction and the commission may
- 8 by rule modify the use of the proceeds from the sale of items produced or
- 9 manufactured under subdivision (c)(1) of this section.
- 10 (d) All purchases made pursuant to this section shall be made through
- 11 the Department Division of Correction's purchasing department division, upon
- 12 requisition by the proper authority of the office, department, division,
- 13 institution, agency, or political subdivision of this state requiring the
- 14 articles or products.

- 16 SECTION 170. Arkansas Code § 12-30-305 is amended to read as follows:
- 17 12-30-205. Purchase of goods by nonprofit organizations and other
- 18 individuals.
- 19 (a) A nonprofit organization may purchase goods produced by the
- 20 Department Division of Correction's Industry Division as provided for by this
- 21 subchapter upon the condition that the goods may not be resold for profit.
- (b)(1) Goods produced by the division as provided for by this
- 23 subchapter, excluding furniture and seating, may also be purchased by:
- 24 (A) Current employees and retirees of the Department
- 25 Division of Correction;
- 26 (B)(i) All employees of the public offices, department,
- 27 divisions, institutions, school districts, and agencies of this state.
- 28 (ii) Subdivision (b)(1)(B)(i) of this section shall
- 29 not include members of the General Assembly; and
- 30 (C) Current and former members of the Board of
- 31 Corrections.
- 32 (2) Goods purchased by an individual under subdivision (b)(1) of
- 33 this section shall be for personal use only and not for resale.
- 34 (c) Goods or products that are produced, assembled, or packaged in
- 35 whole or in part by the Department Division of Correction utilizing prison
- 36 labor may be sold to inmates of the Department Division of Correction,

1 Department Division of Community Correction, or a local correctional 2 facility. 3 4 SECTION 171. Arkansas Code § 12-30-206(b), prices for items furnished 5 to inmates, is amended to read as follows: 6 The prices shall be uniform and nondiscriminating to all and shall 7 not exceed the wholesale market prices with the exception of goods or items 8 produced, assembled, or packaged in whole or in part specifically for sale or 9 resale to inmates of the Department Division of Correction, Department 10 Division of Community Correction, or a local correctional facility. 11 12 SECTION 172. Arkansas Code § 12-30-210(a), concerning the annual 13 statement of the Director of the Department of Correction, is amended to read 14 as follows: 15 The Director of the Department Division of Correction and the 16 manager or authorities, by whatever name known, having charge of the penal 17 institutions of this state, shall annually make a full detailed statement of: 18 (1) All materials, machinery, or other property procured, and 19 the cost thereof, and the expenditures made during the last preceding year 20 for manufacturing purposes, together with a statement of all materials then 21 on hand to be manufactured, or in process of manufacture, or manufactured; 22 (2) All machinery, fixtures, or other appurtenances for the 23 purpose of carrying on the labor of the prisoners; and

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SECTION 173. Arkansas Code § 12-30-215 is amended to read as follows: 12-30-215. Purchase for construction or operation of prison.

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Correction or penal institutions of this state.

The earnings realized during the last preceding year as the

Any contractor or subcontractor who has entered into a contract with or for the benefit of a state board, state agency, or state-supported institution of higher education for constructing, equipping, or operating, in whole or in part, any facility of the board, agency, or institution may purchase goods produced by the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction and the <u>Department Division</u> of Community Correction for use in the performance of the contract.

2 SECTION 174. Arkansas Code § 12-30-301 is amended to read as follows: 3 12-30-301. Farming and livestock activities.

- (a) The Department Division of Correction shall make maximum utilization of the farm lands of the various institutions of the department division through the use of modern agricultural machinery, equipment, and technology in producing crops and livestock for use in feeding prisoners and for sale on the market to produce income for the maintenance and operation of the institutions of the department division.
- (b) The Director of the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction, with the approval of the Board of Corrections, shall promulgate necessary rules and regulations for the operation of the farming and livestock activities of the various institutions of the department <u>division</u>, the employment of personnel, the assignment of inmate labor, and other activities as may be reasonably necessary to accomplish the purposes as provided in this section.

- 17 SECTION 175. Arkansas Code § 12-30-303 is amended to read as follows: 18 12-30-303. Cooperation of Cooperative Extension Service.
 - It shall be the duty of the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service to cooperate with the Director of the Department Division of Correction to the end that proper crops may be planted to the best advantage and proper methods of soil treatment may be utilized and proper methods of canning and preserving may be used to the best advantage.

- SECTION 176. Arkansas Code § 12-30-305(a), concerning sales by the Director of the Department of Correction, is amended to read as follows: 12-30-305. Sales by director.
- (a) The Director of the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction, by and with the consent and approval of the Board of Corrections, shall make all sales of commodities and articles produced and offered for sale by the various penal institutions under his or her supervision.

- SECTION 177. Arkansas Code § 12-30-306 is amended to read as follows: 12-30-306. Purchases, expenditures, and sales — Compliance with laws.
 - (a) All purchases for or in behalf of the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction and its various institutions shall be in strict compliance with

- the state purchasing laws and applicable rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
 - (b) All expenditures of funds appropriated for the department division shall be in accordance with the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, § 19-4-101 et seq., and other applicable fiscal laws of this state governing expenditure of state funds.
 - (c) All sales of farm products, livestock, or other products produced in connection with the agriculture and livestock activities at the respective institutions of the department division shall be in accordance with the applicable laws of this state governing the advertising for bids and awarding of contracts for the sales.

- SECTION 178. Arkansas Code § 12-30-307(a) and (b), concerning the payment for food used by the Department of Correction, are amended to read as follows:
- (a) The Department Division of Correction may make payment from the Department Division of Correction Inmate Care and Custody Fund Account to the Department Division of Correction Farm Fund in an amount not to exceed fifty cents (50¢) on each dollar's worth of food produced on the department division farm for consumption in the Inmate Care and Custody Program.
- (b) The department division shall keep appropriate records reflecting farm production and the value of farm-produced products utilized in the Inmate Care and Custody Program and shall keep records of current market values in support of any such payments.

- SECTION 179. Arkansas Code § 12-30-401 is amended to read as follows: 12-30-401. Work and rehabilitative programs Work-release programs.
- (a) All inmates committed to the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction for institutional care shall be required to participate in the various work programs to which assigned and may be afforded vocational training and rehabilitative opportunities in accordance with rules, regulations, and procedures therefor as promulgated by the Director of the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction with the approval of the Board of Corrections.
- (b) The <u>department division</u> may institute "work-release" programs under which the inmates selected to participate in the programs may be gainfully employed or attend school outside of the units maintained by the

1	department division, under rules and regulations promulgated by the director
2	with the approval of the board.
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4	SECTION 180. Arkansas Code § 12-30-402(a), concerning the
5	establishment of new work-release centers, is amended to read as follows:
6	(a) The Community Correction Revolving Fund may borrow from the Budget
7	Stabilization Trust Fund for the establishment of new work-release centers
8	for the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction.
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10	SECTION 181. Arkansas Code § 12-30-404(a), concerning inmates excepted
11	from the work-release program, is amended to read as follows:
12	(a) No person shall be allowed to participate in any work-release
13	program conducted by or for the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction if
14	convicted of:
15	(1) A capital offense;
16	(2) Murder in the first degree, § 5-10-102;
17	(3) Rape, § 5-14-103;
18	(4) Kidnapping, § 5-11-102; or
19	(5) Aggravated robbery a second or subsequent time, § 5-12-103.
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21	SECTION 182. Arkansas Code § 12-30-405 is amended to read as follows:
22	12-30-405. Contracts for inmate labor.
23	The $\frac{\text{Department}}{\text{Division}}$ of Correction may make contractual arrangements
24	for use of inmate labor by the following prioritized list:
25	(1) Other state departments, divisions, and agencies;
26	(2) Counties, cities, and school districts; and
27	(3) Civic organizations, other nonprofit organizations, and
28	private citizens, including, but not limited to, those responsible for the
29	preservation of natural resources or other public works.
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31	SECTION 183. Arkansas Code § 12-30-407(a)(1)(A), concerning the
32	housing of inmates in the work-release program, is amended to read as
33	follows:
34	(a)(1)(A) The Board of Corrections may promulgate rules to allow the
35	proper classification of inmates to be released to the county sheriffs of
36	approved jail facilities or chiefs of police or other authorized law

1	enforcement officers of city-operated approved jail facilities or community
2	correction centers outside the $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of Correction.
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4	SECTION 184. Arkansas Code § 12-30-407(a)(2)(A)(ii), concerning the
5	housing of inmates in the work-release program, is amended to read as
6	follows:
7	(ii) The Department <u>Division</u> of Correction shall
8	review the requests and shall submit a list of inmates with appropriate
9	skills or backgrounds for the particular job needs of the approved jail
10	facility, political subdivision, or nonprofit organization with a chapter,
11	committee, or other governing body that is based in the county that is being
12	provided assistance by a political subdivision, in accordance with the
13	Department Division of Correction's classification of inmates' skills and
14	backgrounds.
15	(iii) County sheriffs, chiefs of police, or other
16	authorized law
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18	SECTION 185. Arkansas Code § 12-30-407(a)(3)(B), concerning the
19	housing of inmates in the work-release program, is amended to read as
20	follows:
21	(B) Notification of the victim or victim's family shall be
22	done by mail to the last known address supplied to the Department Division of
23	Correction in accordance with $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of Correction policies.
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25	SECTION 186. Arkansas Code § 12-30-407(a)(4)(A), concerning the
26	housing of inmates in the work-release program, is amended to read as
27	follows:
28	(4)(A) Inmates released under this section shall be entitled to
29	credit on their sentences under the meritorious classification system of the
30	Department Division of Correction.
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32	SECTION 187. Arkansas Code § 12-30-502(a), concerning transportation
33	and sale of goods produced by inmates, is amended to read as follows:
34	(a) Goods produced in whole or in part by inmates of the Department
35	$\underline{\text{Division}}$ of Correction or the $\underline{\text{Department}}$ $\underline{\text{Division}}$ of Community Correction
36	participating in private sector prison industry enhancement programs may be

- 1 transported and sold in the same manner as goods produced by free persons, 2 provided that the inmates participating in the private sector prison industry 3 enhancement programs are paid at least the minimum wage prescribed by state 4 law. 5 6 SECTION 188. Arkansas Code § 12-41-105(c), concerning commissions from 7 prisoner telephone service profits and prisoner commissary services, is 8 amended to read as follows: 9 (c) This section does not apply to funds derived from prisoner 10 telephone services or prisoner commissary services provided in Department 11 Division of Correction facilities or Department Division of Community 12 Correction facilities or in municipally owned detention facilities or in 13 county detention facilities in counties with a population of one hundred 14 seventy-five thousand (175,000) or more according to the latest federal 15 decennial census. 16 17 SECTION 189. Arkansas Code § 12-41-107(a)(2), concerning the 18 definition of "local correctional facility" and the medical services billing 19 to a local correctional facility, is amended to read as follows: 20 (2) "Local correctional facility" means a county jail, a city 21 jail, regional jail, criminal justice center, or county house of correction 22 that is not operated by the Department Division of Correction, the Department 23 Division of Community Correction, or a federal correctional agency; and 24 25 SECTION 190. Arkansas Code § 12-41-716 is amended to read as follows: 26 12-41-716. Use of board jail fund for supervision and transportation 27 of inmates. 28 In addition to any other purposes for which funds in a county jail 29 board jail fund, municipal jail board jail fund, or public instrumentality 30 jail board jail fund may be used, the funds may be used for the 31 transportation and supervision of inmates assigned to outside work projects 32 or for transporting inmates to a Department Division of Correction facility, 33 as determined by the board. 34
 - SECTION 191. Arkansas Code § 12-50-105(a), concerning regional correctional commissions, is amended to read as follows:

1 (a) Political subdivisions may individually, or in combination with 2 each other, contract with the state through the Department <u>Division</u> of 3 Correction or with prison contractors for the financing, acquisition, 4 construction, and operation of facilities for the housing of inmates.

SECTION 192. Arkansas Code § 12-50-106(a) and (b), concerning contracts for correctional facilities, are amended to read as follows:

- (a) The Department Division of Correction, any regional corrections commission, and any political subdivision are authorized to enter into contracts with each other and with prison contractors for the financing, acquiring, constructing, and operating of facilities.
- (b) Any contract for the financing, acquiring, constructing, or operating of facilities between the <u>department division</u> and a prison contractor shall be approved by the Board of Corrections, subject to the advice and consent of the Legislative Council.

- SECTION 193. Arkansas Code § 12-50-109(a)(1)(A), concerning contracts with the Arkansas Development Authority, is amended to read as follows:
- (A) All revenues derived from payments to be made by the Department Division of Correction for the housing of prisoners;

- SECTION 194. Arkansas Code § 12-50-111(a)(1), concerning private correctional facilities, is amended to read as follows:
- (a)(1) No private correctional facility in which inmates committed to the Department Division of Correction, out-of-state inmates, or federal inmates are to be housed shall be constructed nor shall any facility be renovated for the purpose of creating a private correctional facility in which inmates committed to the Department Division of Correction, out-of-state inmates, or federal inmates are to be housed within the state without review and approval by the Board of Corrections and review and approval by the Legislative Council.

- SECTION 195. Arkansas Code § 12-51-104(a)(1), concerning the Arkansas State Council for the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision, is amended to read as follows:
- 36 (1) One (1) nonelected person, chosen from a list of five (5)

- 1 names submitted by the Director of the Department Division of Community 2 Correction, who will act as the representative of the legislative branch of 3 government, to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; 4 5 SECTION 196. Arkansas Code § 12-51-104(a)(5), concerning the Arkansas 6 State Council for the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision, 7 is amended to read as follows: 8 (5) The Director of the Department <u>Division</u> of Community 9 Correction or his or her designee who, in addition to serving as a member of 10 the council, shall be appointed by the Governor as the compact administrator 11 for the state. 12 SECTION 197. Arkansas Code § 14-282-304(7), concerning the power and 13 14 duties of the Rural Fire Protection Service of the Arkansas Forestry 15 Commission, is amended to read as follows: 16 (7) To contract with public and private sources, including the 17 Department Division of Correction, for providing mechanical, painting, body 18 work, or other repair services relative to the conversion, painting, and 19 adaptation of vehicles being converted into fire protection vehicles, and to reimburse for the cost of the services; 20 21 22 SECTION 198. Arkansas Code § 15-5-213(b), concerning the Correction 23 Facilities Construction Fund, is amended to read as follows: 24 The fund shall receive moneys payable from the Treasurer of State 25 in accordance with § 15-5-422. All moneys deposited into the fund and all 26 income, interest, and earnings therefrom are declared to be cash funds 27 restricted in their use and dedicated and are to be used solely for 28 acquisition and construction of regional correction facilities for use by the 29 Department Division of Correction, specifically including a regional 30 correction facility in Chicot County, which facility will be leased to and 31 utilized by the department division. 32 33 SECTION 199. Arkansas Code § 15-5-213(e)(1)(A), concerning the
 - Correction Facilities Construction Fund, is amended to read as follows:

 (A) Moneys payable from funds in the department division as established in § 12-27-128;

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2	SECTION 200. Arkansas Code § 15-5-213(e)(1)(C), concerning the
3	Correction Facilities Construction Fund, is amended to read as follows:
4	(C) Such cash funds of the department division as are
5	deemed necessary by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for the purposes
6	established herein.
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8	SECTION 201. Arkansas Code § 15-5-213(e)(2), concerning the Correction
9	Facilities Construction Fund, is amended to read as follows:
10	(2) All moneys deposited into the Correction Facilities
11	Privatization Account and all income, interest, and earnings therefrom are
12	declared to be cash funds restricted in their use and dedicated to be used
13	solely for acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of correction
14	facilities for the use and benefit of the department division or for payments
15	to private contractors for the use of correction facilities by the department
16	division.
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18	SECTION 202. Arkansas Code § 16-13-1903(a)(2)(B) and (C), concerning
19	the Eleventh Judicial District, are amended to read as follows:
20	(B) Presiding over all matters involving acts committed by
21	inmates of the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction over which the Eleventh
22	Judicial District-West has jurisdiction; and
23	(C) Hearing all civil actions filed by inmates of the
24	Department Division of Correction over which the Eleventh Judicial District-
25	West has jurisdiction.
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27	SECTION 203. Arkansas Code § 16-21-106(a)(1)(L), concerning assistance
28	to victims and witnesses of crimes, is amended to read as follows:
29	(L) Notice of the right to receive information from the
30	Department of Corrections, Arkansas State Hospital, and any other
31	facility to which the defendant is committed by the court.
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33	SECTION 204. Arkansas Code § 16-43-214 is amended to read as follows:
34	16-43-214. Prisoner from Department <u>Division</u> of Correction as witness.
35	(a) Upon presentation by the prosecuting attorney or interested
36	defense counsel of a petition duly verified and for good cause, any circuit

- court having jurisdiction of any criminal offense involving a felony pending for trial in that court may have jurisdiction and authority to provide by proper order for the presence in court, and for the trial and as a witness, of any person incarcerated in the Department Division of Correction whose testimony would be material either for the State of Arkansas or for the defendant in the action.
 - (b) Upon the granting of a petition by the circuit court pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and upon presentation to the authorized officials of the Department Division of Correction of a signed order or certified copy thereof by the circuit clerk of such court, the officials having custody of the prisoner are authorized and directed to transport or cause to be transported the prisoner by such means and methods as they deem proper, at the time and place as directed by the order of the circuit court.
- (c) The custody of a prisoner sought to be used as a witness shall at all times remain in the authorized officials of the Department Division of Correction, subject to the order and direction of the circuit court.

 Immediately upon the completion of the testimony by the prisoner in court or upon the completion of the trial requiring his presence, the prisoner shall be immediately returned to the Department Division of Correction by the official having his custody.

- SECTION 205. Arkansas Code § 16-46-106(d), concerning access to medical records, is amended to read as follows:
- 24 (d) This section does not apply to the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction.

- SECTION 206. Arkansas Code § 16-68-601 is amended to read as follows: 16-68-601. Amount of fees and costs.
 - (a) If an incarcerated person, defined for purposes of this subchapter as a person who has been convicted of a crime and is imprisoned for that crime or is being held in custody for trial or sentencing, files a civil action, the court shall order the incarcerated person to pay, as a partial payment of any court filing fees and court costs required by law, a first-time payment of twenty percent (20%) of the preceding six (6) months' income from the incarcerated person's inmate account as administered by the Department Division of Correction or the Department Division of Community

1 Correction.

(b) The Department Division of Correction or the Department Division of Community Correction shall withdraw these moneys maintained in the account for payment of the filing fees and court costs and shall forward these moneys collected at such times as the moneys exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) to the appropriate court clerk or clerks until the actual court fees are paid in full.

SECTION 207. Arkansas Code § 16-80-104(a), concerning a comprehensive mental health evaluation for a minor convicted of capital murder or murder in the first degree, is amended to read as follows:

(a) If a comprehensive mental health evaluation is not performed at the request of the minor convicted of capital murder, § 5-10-101, or murder in the first degree, § 5-10-102, before his or her trial or before he or she is sentenced, the circuit court shall ensure that a comprehensive mental health evaluation is conducted on the minor by an adolescent mental health professional licensed in the state before the minor's entry into the Department Division Correction for a sentence of life imprisonment.

SECTION 208. Arkansas Code § 16-80-104(c)(2), concerning a comprehensive mental health evaluation for a minor convicted of capital murder or murder in the first degree, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Shall be included in any documentation or inmate file kept by the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction or, if the minor is eventually supervised on parole, the <u>Department Division</u> of Community Correction.

SECTION 209. Arkansas Code § 16-90-104 is amended to read as follows: 16-90-104. Commitment of women for felony.

Women who are convicted of or who plead guilty to the commission of felonies may be committed to the Department of <u>Correction Corrections</u> by any court of criminal jurisdiction.

33 SECTION 210. Arkansas Code § 16-90-118 is amended to read as follows: 34 16-90-118. Duty of court to report Department <u>Division</u> of Correction.

(a) Whenever any person is sentenced to the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction, it shall be the duty of the court before which he or she has been

- l $\,$ convicted to cause to be made and transmitted to the agent of the $\frac{department}{department}$
- 2 <u>division</u> a short report of the circumstances attending the offense,
- 3 particularly those which tended to aggravate or extenuate the offense.
 - (b) The agent shall file and preserve the report.

- SECTION 211. Arkansas Code § 16-90-120(a), concerning a felony committed with a firearm, is amended to read as follows:
- (a) Any person convicted of any offense that is classified by the laws of this state as a felony who employed any firearm of any character as a means of committing or escaping from the felony, in the discretion of the sentencing court, may be subjected to an additional period of confinement in the Department Division of Correction for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) years.

SECTION 212. Arkansas Code § 16-90-121 is amended to read as follows: 16 16-90-121. Second or subsequent felony with firearm.

Any person who is found guilty of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a second or subsequent felony involving the use of a firearm shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of ten (10) years in the Department Division of Correction without eligibility of parole or community correction transfer but subject to reduction by meritorious good-time credit.

- SECTION 213. Arkansas Code § 16-90-122(a)(2), concerning the post-conviction release of nonviolent offenders, is amended to read as follows:
- (2) Been sentenced to a term of imprisonment and committed to the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction or the <u>Department Division</u> of Community Correction and is awaiting transfer to the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction or the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction.

- SECTION 214. Arkansas Code § 16-90-122(c)(1), concerning the post-conviction release of nonviolent offenders, is amended to read as follows:
- (c)(1) The circuit judge may authorize the release under the terms and conditions that he or she determines are necessary to protect the public and to ensure the offender's return to custody upon notice that bed space is available at the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction or the <u>Department Division</u> of Community Correction.

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2	SECTION 215. Arkansas Code $$16-90-802(d)(9)(B)(ii)(a),$ concerning the$
3	Arkansas Sentencing Commission, is amended to read as follows:
4	(a) Sentences to the Department <u>Division</u> of
5	Correction and Department Division of Community Correction;
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7	SECTION 216. Arkansas Code § 16-90-802(e) and (f), concerning the
8	Arkansas Sentencing Commission, are amended to read as follows:
9	(f)(1) The commission shall employ an executive <u>recommend to the</u>
10	Secretary of the Department of Corrections a director from candidates
11	presented to it by the Chair of the Arkansas Sentencing Commission.
12	(2) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Sentencing Commission
13	shall have appropriate training and experience to assist the commission in
14	the performance of its duties.
15	(3) The executive director shall be responsible for compiling
16	the work of the commission and drafting suggested legislation incorporating
17	the commission's findings for submission to the General Assembly.
18	(g)(1) Subject to the approval of the Chair of the Arkansas Sentencing
19	Commission, the executive director The secretary shall employ such other
20	staff and shall contract for services as are necessary to assist the
21	commission in the performance of its duties, and as funds permit.
22	(2) The executive director secretary shall ensure that
23	appropriate budgetary measures are taken to employ enough staff or contract
24	for expert services and to purchase the technology needed to compile and
25	process sentencing data from all judicial districts in a timely manner.
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27	SECTION 217. Arkansas Code § 16-90-1109(a)(1), concerning information
28	related to confinement or commitment, is amended to read as follows:
29	(a)(1) Upon request of the victim, the Department Division of
30	Correction, the Arkansas State Hospital, a local or regional hospital, local
31	or regional mental health facility, or any other facility to which the
32	defendant is committed by the court shall:
33	(A) Promptly inform the victim, through the use of the
34	victim notification system under § 12-12-1201 et seq. or other method of
35	personal communication, of the estimated date of the defendant's release from

confinement from a court-ordered commitment under § 5-2-301 et seq., if

1	reasonably ascertainable;
2	(B) Inform the victim at least thirty (30) days before
3	release of the defendant on furlough or to a work release, halfway house, or
4	other community program, if applicable;
5	(C) Inform the victim as soon as possible but preferably
6	at least thirty (30) days before release of the defendant from a local or
7	regional hospital or local or regional mental health facility, if applicable;
8	and
9	(D) Promptly inform the victim of the occurrence of any of
10	the following events concerning the defendant:
11	(i) An escape from a correctional or mental health
12	facility or community program;
13	(ii) A recapture;
14	(iii) A decision of the Governor to commute the
15	sentence or to pardon;
16	(iv) A release from confinement and any conditions
17	attached to the release;
18	(v) A discharge or conditional release or
19	modification of a previously ordered conditional release from a court-ordered
20	commitment under § 5-2-315; or
21	(vi) The defendant's death.
22	(2) The requirement to inform a victim by a local or regional
23	hospital or a local or regional mental health facility under this subsection
24	may be accomplished by notifying by telephone or other electronic means the
25	Arkansas State Hospital of the change of status of the defendant, and the
26	Arkansas State Hospital shall then notify the victim through the victim
27	notification system under § 12-12-1201 et seq. or other method of personal
28	communication.
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30	SECTION 218. Arkansas Code § 16-90-1404(1)(B), concerning the
31	definition of "completion of a person's sentence" under the Comprehensive
32	Criminal Record Sealing act of 2013, is amended to read as follows:
33	(B) Served any time in county or regional jail, a
34	Department Division of Community Correction facility, or a Department
35	<u>Division</u> of Correction facility in full; and

SECTION 219. Arkansas Code § 16-90-1408(a)(6), concerning felony
convictions ineligible for sealing, is amended to read as follows:

(6) A felony for which a person served any portion of his or her

sentence as an inmate in the Department Division of Correction.

- SECTION 220. Arkansas Code § 16-90-201 is amended to read as follows: 16-90-201. Punishment for second or subsequent convictions generally. Any person convicted of an offense which is punishable by imprisonment in the Department Division of Correction who shall subsequently be convicted for another offense shall be punished as follows:
- (1) If the second offense is such that, upon a first conviction, the offender could be punished by imprisonment for a term less than his or her natural life, then the sentence to imprisonment shall be for a determinate term not less than one (1) year more than the minimum sentence provided by law for a first conviction of the offense for which the defendant is being tried, and not more than the maximum sentence provided by law for this offense, unless the maximum sentence is less than the minimum sentence plus one (1) year, in which case the longer term shall govern;
- (2) If the third offense is such that, upon a first conviction, the offender could be punished by imprisonment for a term less than his or her natural life, then the person shall be sentenced to imprisonment for a determinate term not less than three (3) years more than the minimum sentence provided by law for a first conviction of the offense for which the defendant is being tried, and not more than the maximum sentence provided by law for the offense, unless the maximum sentence is less than the minimum sentence plus three (3) years, in which case the longer term shall govern; and
- (3)(A) If the fourth or subsequent offense is such that, upon a first conviction, the offender could be punished by imprisonment for a term less than his or her natural life, then the person shall be sentenced to imprisonment for the fourth or subsequent offense for a determinate term not less than the maximum sentence provided by law for a first conviction of the offense for which the defendant is being tried, and not more than one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) times the maximum sentence provided by law for a first conviction.
- (B) However, any person convicted of a fourth or subsequent offense shall be sentenced to imprisonment for no less than five

1 (5) years. 2 3 SECTION 221. Arkansas Code § 16-90-202(a), concerning punishment for a third conviction for certain offenses, is amended to read as follows: 4 5 (a) When any person shall be convicted of murder, rape, carnal abuse, 6 or kidnapping and it shall be shown that the person has been twice previously 7 convicted of any of the above-mentioned crimes in this state or any other 8 state, upon the third conviction the person shall be deemed an habitual 9 criminal and shall be sentenced to life imprisonment in the Department 10 Division of Correction. 11 12 SECTION 222. Arkansas Code § 16-90-401 is amended to read as follows: 13 16-90-401. Delivery of copy of judgment to county sheriff. 14 Where a judgment of confinement, either in the Department Division 15 Correction or county jail, is pronounced, a certified copy of the judgment 16 must be furnished forthwith to the county sheriff, who shall thereupon 17 execute it, and no other warrant or authority is necessary to its execution. 18 19 SECTION 223. Arkansas Code § 16-90-402 is amended to read as follows: 20 16-90-402. Delivery of defendant and copy of judgment to proper 21 officials. 22 In executing a judgment of confinement, the county sheriff 23 shall deliver the defendant with a certified standardized copy of the 24 sentencing order to the Department Division of Correction, Department 25 Division of Community Correction, or to another detention facility, as 26 indicated in the sentencing order. 27 (2) If electronic filing of court records has been implemented 28 by the circuit clerk in the county where the defendant's conviction occurred, 29 the standardized copy of the sentencing order may be electronically 30 transmitted by the circuit clerk to the Department Division of Correction, 31 the Department Division of Community Correction, or to another detention 32 facility, as indicated in the sentencing order.

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the Prosecutor Coordinator's office.

(b) The standardized copy of the sentencing order shall be developed

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SECTION 224. Arkansas Code § 16-90-403 is amended to read as follows: 16-90-403. Power of county sheriff to prevent escape, etc.

In conveying the defendant to the Department Division of Correction, the county sheriff shall have all the powers of preventing an escape, of resisting an effort to rescue the defendant, of recapturing the defendant, and of summoning persons to his or her aid that the county sheriff would have in executing a warrant of arrest in his or her county.

SECTION 225. Arkansas Code § 16-90-503 is amended to read as follows: 16-90-503. Certification of execution.

- (a) The Director of the Department Division of Correction shall certify the fact of the execution of the condemned felon to the clerk of the court by which the sentence was pronounced, who shall file the certificate with the papers of the case and enter it upon the records of the case.
- (b) If the office of director is abolished, the duties devolving on him or her shall be performed by any other person selected by any board or commission having charge of the Department Division of Correction.
- SECTION 226. Arkansas Code § 16-90-801(c)(2), concerning statement of sentencing policy, is amended to read as follows:
- (2) Commitment to the Department Division of Correction is the most severe sanction and due to the finite capacity of the department division's facilities, it should be reserved for those convicted of the most serious offenses, those who have longer criminal histories, and those who have repeatedly failed to comply with conditions imposed under less restrictive sanctions.
 - SECTION 227. Arkansas Code § 16-91-111 is amended to read as follows: 16-91-111. Appeal after confinement.
- If a judgment of confinement in the Department Division of Correction has been executed before the certificate of appeal was delivered to the county sheriff whose duty it was to execute the judgment, the defendant shall remain in the department division during the pendency of the appeal unless discharged by the expiration of his or her term of confinement or by pardon.

(b) Upon a reversal, if a new trial is ordered, the defendant shall be removed from the <u>department division</u> to the county jail from which he or she was brought by the county sheriff of the county.

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SECTION 228. Arkansas Code \S 16-92-109(a)(1), concerning reimbursement to counties of fees and costs, is amended to read as follows:

7 (a)(1) As used in this section, "costs incurred by the county" means
8 all costs incurred by the county in bringing to trial or trials any person or
9 persons charged with a felony offense, with a crime committed in furtherance
10 of, or in connection with, an escape from the Department Division of
11 Correction, or with escape from the Department Division of Correction.

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- SECTION 229. Arkansas Code § 16-92-109(b), concerning reimbursement to counties of fees and costs, is amended to read as follows:
- (b) Whenever a trial is held in which a crime committed in furtherance of, or in connection with, an escape from the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction is charged or whenever a trial is held for escape from the custody of the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction, the county or counties responsible for the trial or trials of the person or persons charged may apply to the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration for reimbursement of the total costs incurred by the county or counties in each case.

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- SECTION 230. Arkansas Code § 16-92-109(c)(1), concerning reimbursement to counties of fees and costs, is amended to read as follows:
 - (c)(1) The county responsible for the costs of the felony proceedings or trial on charges of escape or in connection with escape from the Department Division of Correction, shall prepare a statement of all costs incurred in connection with the proceedings, which shall be certified by the presiding judge of the circuit court or courts.

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- 31 SECTION 231. Arkansas Code § 16-92-112(a), concerning the liability of 32 the state for costs and fees, is amended to read as follows:
 - (a) The costs in all state prosecutions for any offenses which may be committed in or in respect of the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction shall be paid out of the State Treasury.

1 SECTION 232. Arkansas Code § 16-93-101(3)(D)(i) and (ii), concerning 2 the definition of "detriment to the community" under the laws governing 3 probation and parole, are amended to read as follows: 4 Demonstrated a documented lack of respect for 5 authority towards law enforcement or prison officials while in the custody of 6 the Department Division of Correction, the Department Division of Community 7 Correction, or a law enforcement agency; or 8 (ii) Accrued multiple disciplinary violations while 9 in the custody of the Department Division of Correction, the Department 10 Division of Community Correction, or a law enforcement agency, including at 11 least one (1) disciplinary violation involving violence or sexual assault 12 while in the custody of the Department Division of Correction, the Department 13 Division of Community Correction, or a law enforcement agency; 14 15 SECTION 233. Arkansas Code § 16-93-101(6), concerning the definition 16 of "jacket review" under the laws governing probation and parole, is amended 17 to read as follows: 18 (6) "Jacket review" means the review of the file of a transfer-19 eligible inmate located at any correctional facility in the state by an 20 individual staff member or team of staff members of the Department Division 21 of Community Correction for purposes of preparing the inmate's application 22 for parole consideration by the Parole Board; 23 24 SECTION 234. Arkansas Code § 16-93-101(7), concerning the definition 25 of "parole" under the laws governing probation and parole, is amended to read 26 as follows: 27 (7) "Parole" means the release of the prisoner into the 28 community by the board prior to the expiration of his or her term, subject to 29 conditions imposed by the board and to the supervision of the Department 30 Division of Community Correction. When a court or other authority has filed a 31 warrant against the prisoner, the board may release him or her on parole to 32 answer the warrant of the court or authority; 33 34 SECTION 235. Arkansas Code § 16-93-101(8), concerning the definition 35 of "probation" under the laws governing probation and parole, is amended to

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read as follows:

1 (8) "Probation" means a procedure under which a defendant, found 2 guilty upon verdict or plea, is released by the court without imprisonment, 3 subject to conditions imposed by the court and subject to the supervision of 4 the Department Division of Community Correction, but only if the supervision 5 is requested in writing by the court; 6 7 SECTION 236. Arkansas Code § 16-93-101(9), concerning the definition 8 of "recidivism" under the laws governing probation and parole, is amended to 9 read as follows: 10 (9) "Recidivism" means the return to incarceration in a 11 Department Division of Correction or Department Division of Community 12 Correction community correctional facility other than a technical violator 13 program within a three-year period; 14 15 SECTION 237. Arkansas Code § 16-93-101(11)(A), concerning the 16 definition of "serious conditions violation" under the laws governing 17 probation and parole, is amended to read as follows: 18 (A) An act involving a violent misdemeanor that provides 19 the prosecuting attorney with the option to revoke the probationer's 20 probation or parolee's parole, or allow the Department Division of Community 21 Correction to utilize the sanctions provided under this chapter; 22 23 SECTION 238. Arkansas Code § 16-93-107(a) and (b), concerning the 24 Medicaid eligibility of a parolee or a probationer, are amended to read as 25 follows: 26 The Department Division of Correction shall screen inmates nearing 27 release from incarceration and the Department Division of Community 28 Correction shall screen parolees and probationers under supervision for 29 Medicaid eligibility. 30 (b) If an inmate nearing release from incarceration, parolee, or 31 probationer receives medical services, including substance abuse and mental 32 health treatment, that meet criteria for Medicaid coverage, the parole 33 officer, probation officer, or Department Division of Correction official or 34 Department Division of Community Correction official may apply for Medicaid 35 coverage for the inmate nearing release from incarceration, parolee, or

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2	SECTION 239. Arkansas Code § 16-93-107(c)(2), concerning the Medicaid
3	eligibility of a parolee or a probationer, is amended to read as follows:
4	(2) However, the parole officer, probation officer, or
5	Department Division of Correction official or Department Division of
6	Community Correction official shall be the authorized representative for
7	purposes of establishing and maintaining Medicaid eligibility under this
8	subsection if:
9	(A) The inmate nearing release from incarceration,
10	parolee, or probationer does not designate an authorized representative
11	within three (3) business days after request; or
12	(B) The authorized representative designated under
13	subdivision (c)(l) of this section does not file a Medicaid application
14	within three (3) business days after appointment and request.
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16	SECTION 240. Arkansas Code § 16-93-107(e)(1), concerning the Medicaid
17	eligibility of a parolee or a probationer, is amended to read as follows:
18	(e)(1) The parole officer, probation officer, or Department Division
19	of Correction official or Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction
20	official or the designee of the parole officer, probation officer, or
21	Department Division of Correction official or Department Division of
22	Community Correction official may access information necessary to determine
23	if a Medicaid application has been filed on behalf of the inmate nearing
24	release from incarceration, parolee, or probationer.
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26	SECTION 241. Arkansas Code § 16-93-109 is amended to read as follows:
27	16-93-109. Medicaid reimbursement for essential healthcare services.
28	Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the Department of Human Services
29	shall cooperate with the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction and the Department
30	<u>Division</u> of Community Correction to establish protocols for utilizing
31	Medicaid to reimburse the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction, Department
32	<u>Division</u> of Community Correction, Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral
33	Health Services of the Department of Human Services, Division of Youth
34	Services of the Department of Human Services, a healthcare provider, or a
35	third party for essential healthcare services, including mental health and

substance abuse treatment.

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2	SECTION 242. Arkansas Code § 16-93-207(a)(1)(B), concerning the
3	applications for pardon, commutation of sentence, and remission of fines and
4	forfeitures, is amended to read as follows:
5	(B) The Governor shall also direct the Department Division
6	of Correction to send notice of his or her intention to the judge, the
7	prosecuting attorney, and the county sheriff of the county in which the
8	applicant was convicted and, if applicable, to the victim or the victim's
9	next of kin.
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11	SECTION 243. Arkansas Code § 16-93-208 is amended to read as follows:
12	16-93-208. Services and equipment.
13	The $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of Correction and the $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of
14	Community Correction may provide services, furnishings, equipment, and office
15	space to assist the Parole Board in fulfilling the purposes for which the
16	board was created by law.
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18	SECTION 244. Arkansas Code § 16-93-211(a)(1)(A), concerning early
19	release to transitional housing facilities, is amended to read as follows:
20	(A) Transferred or paroled from the Department <u>Division</u> of
21	Correction by the Parole Board;
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23	SECTION 245. Arkansas Code § 16-93-211(a)(1)(C), concerning early
24	release to transitional housing facilities, is amended to read as follows:
25	(C) Administratively transferred from the Department
26	<u>Division</u> of Correction to the Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction for
27	participation in a reentry program.
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29	SECTION 246. Arkansas Code § 16-93-211(e), concerning early release to
30	transitional housing facilities, is amended to read as follows:
31	(e) An offender placed in transitional housing by the board will be
32	supervised by officers of the $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of Community Correction.
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34	SECTION 247. Arkansas Code § 16-93-213(a)(2), concerning Parole Board
35	records posted to a website, is amended to read as follows:
36	(2) The Department Division of Correction identification number

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           SECTION 248. Arkansas Code § 16-93-213(a)(6), concerning Parole Board
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     records posted to a website, is amended to read as follows:
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                 (6) A link to information required to be posted about the inmate
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     by the Department Division of Correction under § 12-27-145.
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           SECTION 249. Arkansas Code § 16-93-308(b)(2), concerning the
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     revocation of probation, is amended to read as follows:
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                 (2) If a defendant on probation is arrested by a probation
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     officer employed by the <del>Department</del> Division of Community Correction for a
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     violation of the defendant's probation and taken to a county jail for a
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     reason listed under subdivision (b)(1)(B) of this section, the state shall
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     reimburse the county for the costs of incarceration at the prevailing rate of
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     reimbursement.
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           SECTION 250. Arkansas Code § 16-93-308(c)(1), concerning the
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     revocation of probation, is amended to read as follows:
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           (c)(l) A defendant arrested for violation of suspension of sentence or
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     probation shall be taken immediately before the court that suspended
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     imposition of sentence or, if the defendant was placed on probation, before
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     the court supervising the probation, or, if the defendant is subject to
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     administrative probation sanction under § 16-93-306(d), to the appropriate
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     authority in the Department Division of Community Correction if practicable
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     or, if transport to an appropriate authority of the Department Division of
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     Community Correction is not practicable, then to the county jail.
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           SECTION 251. Arkansas Code § 16-93-308(i)(1)(B), concerning the
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     revocation of probation, is amended to read as follows:
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                       (B)(i) A defendant on probation is subject to having his
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     or her probation revoked and being sentenced to the Department Division of
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     Correction or the Department Division of Community Correction for a
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     subsequent violation of his or her probation if the defendant has been
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     confined six (6) times under § 16-93-306(d).
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                             (ii) After a defendant on probation has been
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     confined two (2) times under either § 16-93-306(d) or § 16-93-309(a)(4) for
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- 1 any combination of a technical conditions violation or serious conditions
- 2 violation for any period of time, the defendant on probation is subject to
- 3 having his or her probation revoked and being sentenced to the Department
- 4 Division of Correction or the Department Division of Community Correction for
- 5 a subsequent violation of his or her probation.

- 7 SECTION 252. Arkansas Code § 16-93-308(i)(2)(A), concerning the 8 revocation of probation, is amended to read as follows:
- 9 (2)(A) A defendant is subject to having his or her probation 10 revoked under this section for a technical conditions violation or a serious
- 11 conditions violation without having been sanctioned for a period of
- 12 confinement set out under \$16-93-306(d)\$ or <math>\$16-93-309(a)(4)\$ if upon the
- 13 filing of a petition in the court with jurisdiction the Department Division
- 14 of Community Correction or the prosecuting attorney proves by a preponderance
- 15 of the evidence that the defendant is engaging in or has engaged in behavior
- 16 that poses a threat to the community.

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- SECTION 253. Arkansas Code § 16-93-309(b)(1), concerning probation, revocation hearings, sentence alternatives, and sanctions, is amended to read as follows:
- 21 (b)(1) A period of confinement under subdivision (a)(4) of this 22 section may be reduced by the Department Division of Correction or the 23 Department Division of Community Correction for good behavior and successful 24 program completion.

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- SECTION 254. Arkansas Code § 16-93-309(d)(2), concerning probation, revocation hearings, sentence alternatives, and sanctions, is amended to read as follows:
- 29 (2) Sentence the defendant to incarceration in the Department 30 <u>Division</u> of Correction.

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- SECTION 255. Arkansas Code § 16-93-310(b), concerning probation, revocation and community correction programs, is amended to read as follows:
- 34 (b) Upon revocation, the court of jurisdiction shall determine whether 35 the offender shall remain under the jurisdiction of the court and be assigned 36 to a more restrictive community correction program, facility, or institution

- 1 for a period of time or committed to the Department Division of Community 2 Correction. 3 4 SECTION 256. Arkansas Code § 16-93-310(c), concerning probation, 5 revocation and community correction programs, is amended to read as follows: 6 (c)(1) If committed to the Department Division of Correction, the 7 court shall specify if the commitment is for judicial transfer of the 8 offender to the Department Division of Community Correction or is a regular 9 commitment. 10 (2)(A) The court shall commit the eligible offender to the 11 custody of the Department Division of Correction under this subchapter for 12 judicial transfer to the Department Division of Community Correction subject 13 to the following: 14 That the sentence imposed provides that the (i) 15 offender shall serve no more than three (3) years of confinement, with credit 16 for meritorious good time, with initial placement in a Department Division of 17 Community Correction facility; and 18 (ii) That the initial placement in the Department 19 Division of Community Correction is conditioned upon the offender's 20 continuing eligibility for Department Division of Community Correction 21 placement and the offender's compliance with all applicable rules established 22 by the Board of Corrections for community correction programs. 23 (B) Post-prison supervision shall accompany and follow 24 community correction programming when appropriate. 25 26 SECTION 257. Arkansas Code § 16-93-601(c), concerning felonies 27 committed prior to April 1, 1977, is amended to read as follows: 28 Sentence of Years. An individual sentenced to a term of years in the Department of Correction, as the Division of Correction was known as 29 30 prior to July 1, 2019, now known as the Division of Correction, after 31 February 11, 1976, and before April 1, 1977, is eligible for release on 32 parole after he or she serves the following terms:
 - (1) An individual sentenced to a term of years for other than a Class Y felony who is confined in the department Division of Correction for the second time is eligible for release on parole after he or she serves one-third (1/3) of the time for which sentenced, with credit for good-time

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- allowances, or one-third (1/3) of the time to which sentence is commuted by executive clemency, with credit for good-time allowances. However, a judge may require one-half (½) of the sentence as imposed, or one-half (½) of the sentence as commuted by executive clemency, to be served, with credit for good-time allowances; and
 - (2) An individual sentenced to a term of years who is confined in the department division and who pleads guilty to or is convicted of a Class Y felony or who has previously been confined in the department division two (2) or more times is eligible for release on parole after he or she serves one-half (1/2) of the time to which the sentence is commuted by executive clemency, with credit for good-time allowances.

- SECTION 258. Arkansas Code § 16-93-607(d), concerning parole eligibility and felonies committed on or after April 1, 1983, but before January 1, 1994, is amended to read as follows:
- (d) Any person under twenty-one (21) years of age who is first convicted of a felony and committed to the first offender penal institution or to the Department of Correction, as the Division of Correction was known as prior to July 1, 2019, now known as the Division of Correction, for a term of years is eligible for parole at any time unless a minimum time to be served is imposed consisting of not more than one-third (1/3) of the total time sentenced. In the event the individual is sentenced to a minimum time to be served, he or she is eligible for release on parole after serving the minimum time prescribed, with credit for good-time allowances, and for commutation by the exercise of executive clemency.

- SECTION 259. Arkansas Code § 16-93-607(e), concerning parole eligibility and felonies committed on or after April 1, 1983, but before January 1, 1994, is amended to read as follows:
- (e)(1) When any convicted felon, while on parole, is convicted of another felony, the felon is to be committed to the department Division of Correction to serve the remainder of his or her original sentence, including any portion suspended, with credit for good-time allowances. Upon conviction for the subsequent felony, the court shall require the sentence for the subsequent felony to be served consecutively with the sentence for the previous felony.

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                 (2) Any person found guilty of a felony and placed on probation
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    or suspended sentence therefor who is subsequently found guilty of another
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     imposed for the subsequent felony is to be served consecutively with the
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    remainder of the suspended sentence.
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           SECTION 260. Arkansas Code § 16-93-610(a), concerning the computation
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    of sentence, is amended to read as follows:
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               Time served is deemed to begin on the day sentence is imposed, not
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    on the day a prisoner is received by the Department of Correction
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    Corrections. It shall continue only during the time in which a prisoner is
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    actually confined in a county jail or other local place of lawful confinement
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    or while under the custody and supervision of the department.
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           SECTION 261. Arkansas Code § 16-93-612(a), concerning parole
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    eligibility and the date of offense, is amended to read as follows:
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           (a) A person's parole eligibility shall be determined by the laws in
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    effect at the time of the offense for which he or she is sentenced to the
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    Department Division of Correction.
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           SECTION 262. Arkansas Code § 16-93-612(e)(4), concerning parole
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    eligibility and the date of offense, is amended to read as follows:
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                     If the felony was committed by a person who was a minor at
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     the time of the offense, he or she was committed to the Department of
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    Correction, as the Division of Correction was known as prior to July 1, 2019,
     now known as the Division of Correction, and the offense occurred before, on,
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    or after March 20, 2017, § 16-93-621 governs that person's parole
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           SECTION 263. Arkansas Code § 16-93-614(c)(2)(A)(i)(a), concerning
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    parole eligibility for offenses committed after January 1, 1994, is amended
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    to read as follows:
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                 (2)(A)(i)(a) An offender convicted of a target offense under the
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Community Correction Act, § 16-93-1201 et seq., may be committed to the

- 1 Department Division of Correction and judicially transferred to the
- 2 Department Division of Community Correction by specific provision in the
- 3 commitment that the trial court order such a transfer.
- 4 (b) No other offender is eligible for transfer
- 5 to a Department Division of Community Correction facility.
- 6 (ii) A copy of the commitment shall be forwarded
- 7 immediately to the Department Division of Correction and to the Department
- 8 <u>Division</u> of Community Correction.
- 9 (iii) In the event that an offender is sentenced to
- 10 the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction without judicial transfer on one (1)
- 11 sentence and concurrently sentenced to the Department Division of Correction
- 12 with judicial transfer on another sentence, the offender shall remain in the
- 13 Department Division of Correction, and the sentence with judicial transfer
- 14 may be discharged in the same manner as that of an offender transferred back
- 15 to the Department Division of Correction.
- 16 (B) The Department Division of Community Correction shall
- 17 take over supervision of the offender in accordance with the order of the
- 18 court.
- 19 (C) The Department Division of Community Correction shall
- 20 provide for the appropriate disposition of the offender as expeditiously as
- 21 practicable under rules and regulations developed by the Board of
- 22 Corrections.
- 23 (D) The offender shall not be transported to the
- 24 Department Division of Correction on the initial placement in a Department
- 25 <u>Division</u> of Community Correction facility pursuant to a judicial transfer.
- 26 (E) An offender who is transferred back to the Department
- 27 Division of Correction for disciplinary reasons may be considered for
- 28 transfer to Department Division of Community Correction supervision after
- 29 earning good-time credit equal to one-half (1/2) of the remainder of his or her
- 30 sentence.
- 31 (F) An offender who is sentenced after July 31, 2007, and
- 32 who is transferred back to the Department Division of Correction for
- 33 administrative reasons is eligible for transfer to Department Division of
- 34 Community Correction supervision in the same manner as an offender who is
- 35 sentenced to the Department Division of Correction without a judicial
- 36 transfer to the Department Division of Community Correction; and

SECTION 264. Arkansas Code § 16-93-616(a), concerning parole
eligibility procedures for offenses committed after January 1, 1994 and the
computation of a sentence, is amended to read as follows:

- 5 (a)(1) Time served for a sentence shall be deemed to begin on the day 6 sentence is imposed, not on the day a prisoner is received by the Department 7 Division of Correction.
- 8 (2) Time served shall continue only during the time in which an 9 individual is actually confined in a county jail or other local place of 10 lawful confinement or while under the custody and supervision of the 11 department division.
- 12 (3) Once sentenced to the department division, the department
 13 division shall retain legal custody of the inmate for the duration of the
 14 original sentence.

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- SECTION 265. Arkansas Code § 16-93-617(b) and (c), concerning parole eligibility procedures for offenses committed after January 1, 1994 and revocation of transfer, is amended to read as follows:
- 19 (b)(1) In the event an offender transferred under this section and §§
 20 16-93-614 16-93-616, or § 16-93-618 is found to be or becomes ineligible
 21 for transfer into a Department Division Community Correction facility, he or
 22 she shall be transported to Department Division of Correction to serve the
 23 remainder of his or her sentence.
- 24 (2) Notice of the ineligibility and the reasons therefor shall
 25 be provided to the offender, and a hearing may be requested before the board
 26 if the offender contests the factual basis of the ineligibility. Otherwise,
 27 the board may administratively approve the transfer to the Department
 28 Division of Correction.

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SECTION 266. Arkansas Code § 16-93-621(a)(1) and (2)(A), concerning parole eligibility for a person who was a minor at the time of committing

- 1 offense, is amended to read as follows:
- 2 16-93-621. Parole eligibility A person who was a minor at the time
- 3 of committing an offense that was committed before, on, or after March 20,
- 4 2017.
- 5 (a)(1) A minor who was convicted and sentenced to the Department
- 6 <u>Division</u> of Correction for an offense committed before he or she was eighteen
- 7 (18) years of age and in which the death of another person did not occur is
- 8 eligible for release on parole no later than after twenty (20) years of
- 9 incarceration, including any applicable sentencing enhancements, and
- 10 including an instance in which multiple sentences are to be served
- 11 consecutively or concurrently, unless by law the minor is eligible for
- 12 earlier parole eligibility.
- 13 (2)(A) A minor who was convicted and sentenced to the department
- 14 Department of Correction, as the Division of Correction was known as prior to
- 15 July 1, 2019, now known as the Division of Correction, for an offense
- 16 committed before he or she was eighteen (18) years of age, in which the death
- 17 of another person occurred, and that was committed before, on, or after March
- 18 20, 2017, is eligible for release on parole no later than after twenty-five
- 19 (25) years of incarceration if he or she was convicted of murder in the first
- 20 degree, § 5-10-102, or no later than after thirty (30) years of incarceration
- 21 if he or she was convicted of capital murder, § 5-10-101, including any
- 22 applicable sentencing enhancements, unless by law the minor is eligible for
- 23 earlier parole eligibility.

- SECTION 267. Arkansas Code § 16-93-701(a)(1), concerning Parole Board
- 26 authority to grant parole, is amended to read as follows:
- 27 (a)(1) The Parole Board may release on parole any eligible inmate who
- 28 is confined in any correctional institution administered by the Department
- 29 <u>Division</u> of Correction or the Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction,
- 30 when in the board's opinion there is a reasonable probability that the inmate
- 31 can be released without detriment to the community or himself or herself and
- 32 is able and willing to fulfill the obligations of a law-abiding citizen.

- 34 SECTION 269. Arkansas Code § 16-93-703(a), concerning Parole Board
- 35 place of hearing and procedures, is amended to read as follows:
- 36 (a) The Parole Board shall not schedule parole hearings at which

- 1 victims or relatives of victims of crime are invited to appear at a facility 2 wherein inmates are housed other than the Central Administration Building of 3 the Department Division of Correction at Pine Bluff. 4 5 SECTION 270. Arkansas Code § 16-93-705(a)(1)(A)(ii), concerning 6 revocation of parole, is amended to read as follows: 7 (ii) The Department Division of Community Correction 8 shall provide the information necessary for the board to issue a warrant 9 under subdivision (a)(1)(A)(i) of this section. 10 11 SECTION 271. Arkansas Code § 16-93-705(a)(1)(B)(ii), concerning 12 revocation of parole, is amended to read as follows: 13 The Department Division of Community Correction 14 shall provide the information necessary for the board to issue a warrant 15 under subdivision (a)(1)(B)(i) of this section. 16 17 SECTION 272. Arkansas Code § 16-93-705(b)(5) and (6), concerning 18 revocation of parole, are amended to read as follows: 19
- (5) If the parole revocation judge finds that there is 20 reasonable cause to believe that the parolee has violated a condition of 21 parole, the parole revocation judge may order the parolee returned to the 22 nearest facility of the Department Division of Correction or Department 23 Division of Community Correction where the parolee shall be placed in custody 24 for a parole revocation hearing before the board.

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(6) If the parole revocation judge finds that there is reasonable cause to believe that the parolee has violated a condition of parole, the parole revocation judge may return the parolee to parole supervision rather than to the custody of the Department Division of Correction and may impose additional supervision conditions in response to the violating conduct.

32 SECTION 273. Arkansas Code § 16-93-705(f), concerning revocation of 33 parole, are amended to read as follows:

(f) A preliminary hearing under subsection (b) of this section and a parole revocation hearing under subsection (c) of this section shall not be necessary if the parole revocation is based on the parolee's conviction,

guilty plea, or plea of nolo contendere to a felony offense for which he or she is sentenced to the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction or to any other state or federal correctional institution.

- SECTION 274. Arkansas Code § 16-93-706(b), concerning the revocation of parole and the subpoena of witnesses and documents, is amended to read as follows:
- (b) The fees and mileage expenses as prescribed by law for witnesses in civil cases shall be paid by the Department Division of Correction.

- 11 SECTION 275. Arkansas Code § 16-93-709 is amended to read as follows: 12 16-93-709. Sex offender may not reside with minors.
 - (a) Whenever an inmate in a facility of the Department Division of Correction who has been found guilty of or has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to any sexual offense defined in § 5-14-101 et seq., or incest as defined by § 5-26-202, and the sexual offense or incest was perpetrated against a minor, becomes eligible for parole and makes application for release on parole, the Parole Board shall prohibit, as a condition of granting the parole, the parolee from residing upon parole in a residence with any minor, unless the board makes a specific finding that the inmate poses no danger to the minors residing in the residence.
 - (b) If the board, upon a hearing under § 16-93-705, finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the parolee has failed to comply with this condition of parole, the parole may be revoked and the parolee returned to the custody of the department division.

- SECTION 276. Arkansas Code § 16-93-710(a), concerning parole for inmates who have served their term of imprisonment in a county jail prior to being processed into the Department of Correction, is amended to read as follows:
- 31 (a)(1) Subject to conditions set by the Parole Board, an offender
 32 convicted of a felony and sentenced to a term of imprisonment of two (2)
 33 years or less in the Department Division of Correction, and who has served
 34 his or her term of imprisonment in a county jail prior to being processed
 35 into the Department Division of Correction, may be paroled from the
 36 Department Division of Correction county jail backup facility directly to the

- 1 <u>Department Division</u> of Community Correction under parole supervision, and
- 2 upon eligibility determination, processed for release by the board.
- 3 (2) Transfer release proceedings or a preliminary review under
- 4 this subchapter shall begin no later than six (6) months prior to a person's
- 5 transfer eligibility date, and the board shall authorize jacket review
- 6 procedures at all institutions holding parole-eligible inmates to prepare
- 7 parole applications to comply with this time frame.
- 8 (3) The jacket review will be conducted by staff either from the
- 9 Department Division of Community Correction or by Department Division of
- 10 Correction.

- 12 SECTION 277. Arkansas Code § 16-93-712(b)(1), concerning Parole Board
- 13 supervision of parolee, is amended to read as follows:
- 14 (1) Investigate each case referred to him or her by the Chair of
- 15 the Parole Board, the Department Division of Community Correction, or the
- 16 prosecuting attorney;

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- SECTION 278. Arkansas Code § 16-93-712(c), concerning Parole Board
- 19 supervision of parolee, is amended to read as follows:
- 20 (c)(1) The Department Division of Community Correction shall allocate
- 21 resources, including the assignment of parole officers, to focus on moderate-
- 22 risk and high-risk offenders as determined by the validated risk-needs
- 23 assessment provided in subdivision (b)(6) of this section.
- 24 (2) The Department Division of Community Correction shall
- 25 require each public and private treatment and service provider that receives
- 26 state funds for the treatment of or service for parolees to use evidence-
- 27 based programs and practices.

- 29 SECTION 279. Arkansas Code § 16-93-712(d)(1) and (2), concerning
- 30 Parole Board supervision of parolee, are amended to read as follows:
- 31 (d)(1) The Department Division of Community Correction shall have the
- 32 authority to sanction a parolee administratively without engaging the
- 33 revocation process under § 16-93-705.
- 34 (2)(A)(i) The Department Division of Community Correction shall
- 35 develop an intermediate sanctions procedure and grid to guide a parole
- 36 officer in determining the appropriate response to a violation of conditions

1 of supervision. 2 (ii) The intermediate sanctions procedure shall 3 include a requirement that the parole officer consider multiple factors when 4 determining the sanction to be imposed, including previous violations and 5 sanctions and the severity of the current and prior violation. 6 (B) Intermediate sanctions administered by the Department 7 Division of Community Correction are required to conform to the sanctioning 8 grid. 9 10 SECTION 280. Arkansas Code § 16-93-712(d)(3)(E)(i), concerning Parole 11 Board supervision of parolee, is amended to read as follows: 12 (E)(i) Incarceration in a county jail for no more than 13 seven (7) days or incarceration in a Department Division of Community 14 Correction facility or Department Division of Correction facility for no more 15 than one hundred eighty (180) days. 16 17 SECTION 281. Arkansas Code § 16-93-712(d)(3)(E)(ii)(b)-(d), concerning 18 Parole Board supervision of parolee, are amended to read as follows: 19 (b) A parolee shall accumulate no more than 20 twenty-one (21) days' incarceration in a county jail or no more than three hundred sixty (360) days' incarceration in a Department Division of Community 21 22 Correction facility or Department Division of Correction facility as an intermediate sanction before the parole officer recommends a violation of the 23 person's parole under § 16-93-706. 24 25 (c) A parolee is subject to a period of 26 incarceration of: 27 Up to ninety (90) days in a 28 Department Division of Community Correction facility or Department Division 29 of Correction facility for a technical conditions violation; and 30 (2) Exactly one hundred eighty (180) 31 days in a Department Division of Community Correction or Department Division 32 of Correction facility for a serious conditions violation. 33 (d) A parolee may not be incarcerated more 34 than two (2) times as a parole sanction in a Department Division of Community 35 Correction facility or Department Division of Correction facility.

1 SECTION 282. Arkansas Code § 16-93-712(f)(1), concerning Parole Board 2 supervision of parolee, is amended to read as follows: 3 (1) May be reduced by the Department Division of Correction or 4 the Department Division of Community Correction for good behavior and 5 successful program completion; and 6 7 SECTION 283. Arkansas Code § 16-93-715(a)(2)(A), concerning parole 8 violations, technical conditions, violations, and serious conditions is 9 amended to read as follows: 10 (2)(A) A period of confinement under subdivision (a)(1) of this 11 section may be reduced by the Department Division of Correction or the 12 Department Division of Community Correction for good behavior and successful 13 program completion. 14 SECTION 284. Arkansas Code § 16-93-715(b)(2), concerning parole 15 16 violations, technical conditions, violations, and serious conditions is 17 amended to read as follows: 18 (2)(A) A parolee is subject to having his or her parole revoked 19 and being returned to the Department Division of Correction or the Department 20 Division of Community Correction for the next violation of his or her parole 21 if the parolee has been confined six (6) times under § 16-93-712(d). 22 (B) After a parolee has been confined two (2) times under 23 subdivision (a)(1) of this section for any combination of a technical 24 conditions violation or serious conditions violation for any period of time, 25 the parolee is subject to having his or her parole revoked and being returned 26 to the Department Division of Correction or the Department Division of 27 Community Correction for the next violation of his or her parole. 28 (C) A parolee is subject to having his or her parole 29 revoked and being returned to the Department Division of Correction or the 30 Department Division of Community Correction under this section without having 31 been sanctioned for a period of confinement set out under § 16-93-712(d) or 32 subdivision (a)(1) of this section if the Parole Board determines by a

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SECTION 285. Arkansas Code § 16-93-715(e), concerning parole

in behavior that poses a threat to the community.

preponderance of the evidence that the parolee is engaging in or has engaged

- violations, technical conditions, violations, and serious conditions is amended to read as follows:
- 3 (e) Noncompliance with Department Division of Correction or Department
 4 Division of Community Correction program requirements or violent or sexual
 5 behavior while confined for a technical conditions violation or serious
 6 conditions violation under this section may result in revocation of the
 7 parolee's parole for a period of time exceeding the limitations of
 8 subdivision (a)(1) of this section, up to and including the time remaining on
 9 the person's original sentence.

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- SECTION 286. Arkansas Code § 16-93-1202(4)-(8), concerning definitions under the laws concerning community corrections, are amended to read as follows:
 - (4) "Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction" means the administrative structure in place to oversee the development and operation of community correction facilities, programs, and services, including probation and parole supervision;
 - (5) "Department Division of Correction" means the administrative structure in place to oversee the daily operation of secure prison facilities;
- 21 (6) "Eligibility" or "eligible offender" means any person 22 convicted of a felony who is by law eligible for such sentence or who is 23 otherwise under the supervision of the Department Division of Community 24 Correction and who falls within the population targeted by the General 25 Assembly for inclusion in community correction facilities and who has not 26 been subject to a disciplinary violation for a violent act or for sexual 27 misconduct while in the custody of a jail or correctional facility and does 28 not have a current or previous conviction for a violent or sexual offense 29 listed under subdivision (10)(A)(iii) of this section;
- 30 (7) "Incarceration" means commitment to the Department <u>Division</u> 31 of Correction;
- 32 (8) "Supervision" means direct supervision at varying levels of 33 intensity by either probation officers, in the case of sentences to probation 34 with a condition of community correction, or parole and post prison 35 supervision officers, in the case of offenders eligible for release on parole 36 or offenders transferred to community correction or community supervision

1	from the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction;
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3	SECTION 287. Arkansas Code § 16-93-1202(10)(C), concerning definition
4	of "target group" under the laws concerning community corrections, is amended
5	to read as follows:
6	(C) Final determination of eligibility for placement in
7	any community correction center or program is the responsibility of the
8	Department Division of Community Correction;
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10	SECTION 288. Arkansas Code § 16-93-1202(12), concerning definition of
11	"transfer date" under the laws concerning community corrections, is amended
12	to read as follows:
13	(12)(A) "Transfer date" means the earliest date on which an
14	offender is eligible for transfer from the $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of Correction
15	to the Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction.
16	(B) The date may be extended based on disciplinary
17	behavior while under the custody of the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction;
18	and
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20	SECTION 289. Arkansas Code § 16-93-1202(13), concerning definition of
21	"trial court" under the laws concerning community corrections, is amended to
22	read as follows:
23	(13) "Trial court" means any court of this state having
24	jurisdiction of an eligible offender and the power to sentence the eligible
25	offender to the included options, subject to eligibility determination by the
26	Department Division of Community Correction.
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28	SECTION 290. Arkansas Code § 16-93-1203(1), concerning power and
29	duties of the Board of Corrections, is amended to read as follows:
30	(1) Establish community correction programs to which eligible
31	offenders may be assigned as a condition of probation, sentenced to by the
32	trial court pursuant to this subchapter, paroled to upon release from
33	incarceration, or transferred to after incarceration in the Department
34	<u>Division</u> of Correction;
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SECTION 291. Arkansas Code § 16-93-1203(6), concerning power and

- 1 duties of the Board of Corrections, is amended to read as follows: 2 (6) Direct the departments, divisions, and other entities 3 involved in the implementation of community correction options in a manner 4 that will promote the safety and welfare of the people of this state; 5 6 SECTION 292. Arkansas Code § 16-93-1207(a)(1)(A) and (B), concerning 7 order of commitment by the court, are amended to read as follows: 8 (A) Committed to the Department Division of Correction; 9 (B) Committed to the Department Division of Correction 10 with judicial transfer to the Department Division of Community Correction; 11 12 SECTION 293. Arkansas Code § 16-93-1207(b)(1), concerning order of 13 commitment by the court, are amended to read as follows: 14 (b)(1) Upon the successful completion of probation or a commitment to 15 the Department Division of Correction with judicial transfer to the 16 Department Division of Community Correction or a commitment to a county jail 17 for one (1) of the offenses targeted by the General Assembly for community 18 correction placement, the court may direct that the record of the offender be 19 sealed with regards to the offense of which the offender was either convicted 20 or placed on probation under the condition that the offender has no more than 21 one (1) previous felony conviction and that the previous felony was other 22 than a conviction for: 23 24 SECTION 294. Arkansas Code § 16-93-1208 is amended to read as follows: 25 16-93-1208. Post commitment transfer. 26 (a)(1)(A) Upon commitment of an eligible offender to the Department 27 Division of Correction, the Department Division of Correction will transfer 28 the eligible offender to a community correction program, when he or she 29 reaches his or her transfer date, in accordance with the rules and 30 regulations promulgated by the Board of Corrections and conditions set by the 31 Parole Board. 32 (B) Legal custody of inmates transferred to the Department 33 Division of Community Correction shall remain with the Department Division of 34 Correction unless altered by court order.
 - (2) A person eligible for release from incarceration on parole may be placed in community correction programming while under parole

- 1 supervision upon the recommendation of the condition by the releasing
 2 authority.
 - (b)(1) The Board of Corrections and the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction are authorized to release medical and psychological data in their possession to a community correction service provider concerning an eligible offender transferred to that community correction program.
 - (2) The community correction service provider shall use any medical or psychological data received from the Department Division of Correction and the Board of Corrections in compliance with rules concerning the use of that data as adopted by the Board of Corrections.

- 12 SECTION 295. Arkansas Code \S 16-93-1209 is amended to read as follows: 13 16-93-1209. Liability.
 - The <u>Department Division</u> of Correction, the Board of Corrections, the <u>Department Division</u> of Community Correction, the Parole Board, and all governmental agencies and units utilizing eligible offenders in community correction programs as defined in this subchapter are immune from liability and suit for damages, and no tort action shall lie against the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction, the Board of Corrections, the <u>Department Division</u> of Community Correction, the Parole Board, and any governmental agency or unit or any of their employees because of any acts of eligible offenders utilized under the provisions of this subchapter.

- SECTION 296. Arkansas Code § 16-93-1602(3)(A), concerning the definition of "transitional housing" under the laws concerning traditional housing facilities, is amended to read as follows:
 - (3)(A) "Transitional housing" means a program that provides housing for one (1) or more offenders who either have been transferred or paroled from the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction by the Parole Board or placed on probation by a circuit court or district court.

- 32 SECTION 297. Arkansas Code § 16-95-105 is amended to read as follows: 33 16-95-105. Escape — Penalty.
 - Any prisoner who shall escape from custody while in another state or jurisdiction pursuant to the Agreement on Detainers shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be sentenced to a term of not less than

T	three (3) years nor more than live (3) years in the Department Division of
2	Correction.
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4	SECTION 298. Arkansas Code § 16-98-303(a)(5), concerning authorization
5	of drug court programs, is amended to read as follows:
6	(5) As determined by the Department <u>Division</u> of Community
7	Correction, an adult drug court program established under this section shall
8	target high-risk offenders and medium-risk offenders.
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10	SECTION 399. Arkansas Code § 16-98-303(b)(1) and (2), concerning
11	authorization of drug court programs, are amended to read as follows:
12	(b)(l) A drug court program shall incorporate services from the
13	Department Division of Community Correction, the Department of Human
14	Services, and the Administrative Office of the Courts.
15	(2) Subject to an appropriation, funding, and position
16	authorization, both programmatic and administrative, and subject to the
17	requirements of eligibility as defined in § 16-93-1202, the Department
18	<u>Division</u> of Community Correction:
19	(A) Shall:
20	(i) Establish standards regarding the classification
21	of a drug court program participant as a high-risk offender or medium-risk
22	offender;
23	(ii) Provide positions for persons to serve as
24	probation officers, drug counselors, and administrative assistants;
25	(iii) Provide for drug testing for drug court
26	program participants;
27	(iv) Provide for intensive outpatient treatment for
28	drug court program participants;
29	(v) Provide for intensive short-term and long-term
30	residential treatment for drug court program participants; and
31	(vi) Develop clinical assessment capacity, including
32	drug testing, to identify a drug court program participant with a substance
33	addiction and develop a treatment protocol that improves the drug court
34	program participant's likelihood of success; and
35	(B) May:
36	(i) Provide for continuous alcohol monitoring for

1 drug court program participants, including a minimum period of one hundred 2 twenty (120) days; and 3 (ii) Develop clinical assessment capacity, including 4 continuous alcohol monitoring, to identify a drug court program participant 5 with a substance addiction and develop a treatment protocol that improves the 6 drug court program participant's likelihood of success. 7 8 SECTION 300. Arkansas Code § 16-98-303(b)(4)(E)(iii), concerning 9 authorization of drug court programs, are amended to read as follows: 10 (iii) Existing drug treatment programs currently in 11 place and operating through the courts, the county jail, or the Department 12 Division of Correction; and 13 14 SECTION 301. Arkansas Code § 16-98-303(e)(4), concerning authorization 15 of drug court programs, are amended to read as follows: 16 (4) Department Division of Community Correction; and 17 18 SECTION 302. Arkansas Code § 16-98-303(f)(2), concerning authorization 19 of drug court programs, are amended to read as follows: 20 Serve as a coordinator between drug court judges, the 21 Department Division of Community Correction, the Division of Aging, Adult, 22 and Behavioral Health Services of the Department of Human Services, private 23 treatment provider representatives, and public health advocates; 24 25 SECTION 303. Arkansas Code § 16-99-101 is amended to read as follows: 26 16-99-101. Purpose and intent. 27 (a) Both state and local agencies that implement criminal justice 28 practices resulting in outcomes that reduce commitments to the Department 29 Division of Correction should be rewarded. 30 (b) If a state agency, county, or judicial district has implemented 31 proven risk-reduction strategies that reduce the number of offenders 32 returning to the Department Division of Correction with no resultant increase 33 in the crime rate; then, in order to reward the state agency, county, or 34 judicial district and as an incentive to encourage similar practices 35 elsewhere, the state agency, county, or judicial district should receive a monetary reward to continue those practices. 36

- 1 (c) The award would represent a portion of the monetary savings from 2 the costs that would have been incurred had the state agency, county, or 3 judicial district not reduced its impact on the <u>Department Division</u> of 4 Correction.
 - (d) The goal of this subchapter is to align state and local fiscal incentives by rewarding the <u>Department Division</u> of Community Correction, county governments, and judicial districts for each entity's role in reducing its impact on the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction.

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- SECTION 304. Arkansas Code § 16-99-102 is amended to read as follows: 11 16-99-102. Program authorized — Administration.
 - (a) Costs averted due to a reduction in commitments to the Department Division of Correction or a reduction in the period of time served in the Department Division of Correction, to the extent possible, shall be reinvested into those state agencies, counties, or judicial districts as an incentive to further the crime and recidivism reduction strategies being employed.
- 18 (b) The <u>Department Division</u> of Community Correction shall be the 19 recipient of incentive funds upon meeting the requirements set out in this 20 subchapter.
 - (c)(1) Counties, multicounty partnerships, and judicial districts shall be eligible to apply for participation in the performance incentive funding program set out in this subchapter on the reduction in the Department Division of Correction's population.
 - (2) Participation in the program will be determined through a competitive grant process.
 - (d) The Board of Corrections shall have the authority to manage the program and administer the grant funds to appropriate applicants and the <u>Department Division</u> of Community Correction.
- 30 (e)(1) Subject to the available funding, the Department Division of 31 Community Correction shall manage and administer grant funds to itself and 32 counties, multicounty partnerships, and judicial districts in order to 33 implement the policies and programs authorized by this program.
- 34 (2) These shall be one-time-only grants not contingent on 35 measured performance.
- 36 (3) All future funding under this section shall be tied to

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3	SECTION 305. Arkansas Code § 16-99-103(a)(1), concerning an
4	application for parole revocation, is amended to read as follows:
5	(a)(1) The Department Division of Community Correction shall receive
6	additional funding for committing to a reduction in the number of probation
7	revocations that result from a technical violation or a new crime.
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9	SECTION 306. Arkansas Code $\S 16-99-103(a)(4)$ and (5), concerning an
10	application for parole revocation, are amended to read as follows:
11	(4) Each year the Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction
12	shall receive additional funds for reducing the net impact of revocations or
13	the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction.
14	(5) The Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction shall
15	promulgate rules and regulations for the distribution and use of incentive
16	funds that it receives, requiring that:
17	(A) No less than one-third $(1/3)$ of the funds received
18	each year are distributed to the individual probation or parole areas
19	responsible for the revocation reductions while maintaining or improving
20	public safety; and
21	(B) All of the funds received by the Department <u>Division</u>
22	of Community Correction are invested in programs and practices designed to
23	reduce recidivism.
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25	SECTION 307. Arkansas Code § 16-99-103(b)(1), concerning an
26	application for parole revocation, is amended to read as follows:
27	(b)(1) A competitive grant process will distribute grants to five (5)
28	individual counties, multicounty partnerships, or judicial districts that
29	meet criteria established to improve public safety and reduce their net
30	impact on the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction.
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32	SECTION 308. Arkansas Code § 16-99-103(b)(4)-(6), concerning an
33	application for parole revocation, are amended to read as follows:
34	(4) Four (4) of the five (5) grants shall be awarded to the
35	counties, multicounty partnerships, or judicial districts with the largest
36	number of annual Department Division of Correction commitments that meet the

- 1 program criteria and submit acceptable applications.
- 2 (5) One (1) grant shall be awarded to a county, multicounty
- 3 partnership, or judicial district representing a rural region of the state,
- 4 notwithstanding the number of Department <u>Division</u> of Correction commitments
- 5 from the applicant so long as the program criteria are met and the
- 6 application is acceptable.
- 7 (6) Each year, the grant recipient shall receive additional
- 8 funds equal to one-half $\binom{1}{2}$ of the averted costs for reducing the net impact
- 9 of its sentences on the Department Division of Correction.

- 11 SECTION 309. Arkansas Code § 16-99-104(2), concerning the
- 12 implementation of rules by the Board of Corrections, is amended to read as
- 13 follows:
- 14 (2) Calculate and determine the baseline for the Department
- 15 <u>Division</u> of Community Correction's revocation rate and for the Department
- 16 <u>Division</u> of Correction's commitments' length of stay for evaluation purposes;
- 17 and

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- 19 SECTION 310. Arkansas Code § 16-99-105(a)(1), concerning reporting and
- 20 data collection by the Department of Community Correction, is amended to read
- 21 as follows:
- 22 (a)(1) The Department Division of Community Correction shall provide
- 23 data and information as requested by the Board of Corrections.

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- 25 SECTION 311. Arkansas Code § 16-99-105(a)(2)(A), concerning reporting
- 26 and data collection by the Department of Community Correction, is amended to
- 27 read as follows:
- 28 (A) The total number of probationers from each of
- 29 Department Division of Community Correction's individual probation or parole
- 30 areas for the current year and previous years, as available;

- 32 SECTION 312. Arkansas Code § 16-99-105(a)(2)(C), concerning reporting
- 33 and data collection by the Department of Community Correction, is amended to
- 34 read as follows:
- 35 (C) The total number of new felony convictions and the
- 36 rate of new felony convictions from each of the Department Division of

1 Community Correction's individual probation or parole areas for the current 2 year and previous years, as available; 3 4 SECTION 313. Arkansas Code § 16-99-105(a)(2)(E), concerning reporting 5 and data collection by the Department of Community Correction, is amended to 6 read as follows: 7 The evidence-based programs established or enhanced by 8 the Department Division of Community Correction as part of its effort to 9 reduce revocations and improve public safety and any subsequent evidence-10 based programs that contribute to the outcomes of the performance incentive 11 funding program under this subchapter. 12 13 SECTION 314. Arkansas Code § 16-99-105(d)(2) and (3), concerning 14 reporting and data collection by the Department of Community Correction, are 15 amended to read as follows: 16 (2) This analysis shall include without limitation the effect, 17 compared to baseline, on net Department Division of Correction bed usage by 18 the Department Division of Community Correction and by all county grantees, 19 as well as Department Division of Correction admissions and lengths-of-stay, 20 moneys paid out, revocation rates and new crime conviction rates for the 21 Department Division of Community Correction, and guidelines compliance for 22 participating counties. 23 (3) The board shall provide analyses on an area-by-area basis 24 for the Department Division of Community Correction performance incentive 25 funding program and on a county-by-county, multicounty-partnership, or 26 judicial-district basis for the local performance-incentive funding program. 27 28 SECTION 315. Arkansas Code § 16-106-201(2), concerning the definition 29 of "inmate" under the rules governing actions against the state, is amended 30 to read as follows: 31 (2) "Inmate" or "inmate in a penal institution" includes, but is 32 not limited to, a person in the custody or under the supervision of the

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SECTION 316. Arkansas Code § 16-106-202(a), concerning premature,

Department Division of Correction, the Department Division of Community

Correction, or the United States Bureau of Prisons; and

- 1 frivolous, or malicious lawsuits, is amended to read as follows:
- 2 (a) A civil action or claim initiated against the state, the Board of
- 3 Corrections, the Department Division of Correction, the Department Division
- 4 of Community Correction, another state agency, or a political subdivision, or
- 5 an original action in an appellate court, or an appeal of an action, whether
- 6 or not the plaintiff was represented in court, by an inmate in a penal
- 7 institution or an incarcerated person appearing pro se may be:
- 8 (1) Dismissed without prejudice by the court on its own motion
- 9 or on a motion of the defendant, if all administrative remedies available to
- 10 the inmate have not been exhausted; or
- 11 (2) Dismissed with prejudice by the court on a motion of the
- 12 defendant if the court is satisfied that the action is frivolous or
- 13 malicious.

- SECTION 317. Arkansas Code § 16-106-203(1), concerning sanctions for
- 16 causes of actions that are frivolous or malicious, is amended to read as
- 17 follows:
- 18 (1) Award attorney's fees and actual costs incurred by the
- 19 state, the Department Division of Correction, or the Department Division of
- 20 Community Correction, another state agency, a political subdivision, the
- 21 Attorney General's office, or the defendant, not to exceed two thousand five
- 22 hundred dollars (\$2,500) per frivolous cause of action;

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- 24 SECTION 318. Arkansas Code § 16-106-203(3) and (4), concerning
- 25 sanctions for causes of actions that are frivolous or malicious, are amended
- 26 to read as follows:
- 27 (3) Order the Department Division of Correction to revoke up to
- 28 thirty (30) days' earned good-time credits accrued, under § 12-29-201 et
- 29 seq.;
- 30 (4) Order the Department Division of Correction to revoke
- 31 permission to have nonessential personal property of the inmate, including,
- 32 but not limited to, televisions, radios, stereos, or tape recorders. If
- 33 permission is revoked, the Department Division of Correction shall take
- 34 appropriate precautions to protect the property during the period of the
- 35 revocation; or

1 SECTION 319. Arkansas Code § 16-106-204(a), concerning fees and costs 2 as a judgment against the inmate, is amended to read as follows: 3 (a) Any award of attorney's fees or costs, or the imposition of a 4 sanction shall serve as a judgment against the inmate, and the Department 5 Division of Correction is authorized to take up to fifty percent (50%) of the 6 inmate's account per month until paid. 7 8 SECTION 320. Arkansas Code § 16-123-407 is amended to read as follows: 9 16-123-407. Exemptions. 10 The Department Division of Correction, the Department Division of 11 Community Correction, a county jail, and a detention facility are exempt from 12 this subchapter. 13 14 SECTION 321. Arkansas Code § 17-82-104(d)(1), concerning unlawful 15 practice of dentistry is amended to read as follows: 16 (d)(1) A registered licensed dental hygienist working at a Department 17 Division of Correction or Department Division of Community Correction 18 facility may work under the general supervision of a licensed dentist. 19 20 SECTION 322. Arkansas Code § 17-82-301(c), concerning penalty for 21 practice of unlawful dentistry, is amended to read as follows: 22 (c) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this 23 section shall be guilty of a Class D felony and shall be subject to 24 imprisonment not to exceed six (6) years in the Department Division of 25 Correction or a fine of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or both. Each 26 unauthorized act constitutes a separate offense. 27 28 SECTION 323. Arkansas Code § 17-101-308(a)(4)(A), concerning the 29 denial, suspension or revocation of a certificate for veterinary technicians, 30 is amended to read as follows:

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SECTION 324. Arkansas Code § 19-4-803(b), concerning exemptions, is amended to read as follows:

Division of Correction or federal prison.

(b) The Department <u>Division</u> of Correction Plasma Center is exempt from

(4)(A) Any offense punishable by incarceration in the Department

1	provisions of this subchapter.
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3	SECTION 325. Arkansas Code § 19-4-1602(a)(20), concerning payroll
4	deductions, is amended to read as follows:
5	(20) Department Division Correction Bus Pool dues, when
6	requested in writing by those employees;
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8	SECTION 326. Arkansas Code § 19-5-302(1), concerning State General
9	Government Fund, is amended to read as follows:
10	(1) Department Division of Correction Inmate Care and Custody Fund
11	Account.
12	(A) The Department <u>Division</u> of Correction Inmate Care and
13	Custody Fund Account shall be used for the maintenance, operation, and
14	improvement of the $\frac{\text{Department}}{\text{Division}}$ of Correction required in carrying out
15	those powers, functions, and duties relating to nonfarm or crop-producing
16	programs as established by law.
17	(B) The Department <u>Division</u> of Correction Inmate Care and
18	Custody Fund Account shall consist of:
19	(i) Those general revenues as may be provided by
20	law;
21	(ii) Nonrevenue income derived from services
22	provided by the inmate care and custody program;
23	(iii) Excess farm profits as may be provided by law;
24	and
25	(iv) Any other funds provided by law, including
26	federal reimbursements received for eligible expenditures by the various
27	programs of the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction from appropriations made
28	payable from the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction Inmate Care and Custody
29	Fund Account;
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31	SECTION 327. Arkansas Code § 19-5-302(12), concerning State General
32	Government Fund, is amended to read as follows:
33	(12) Department Division of Community Correction Fund Account.
34	(A) The Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction Fund
35	Account shall be used for the maintenance, operation, and improvement of the
36	Department Division of Community Correction required in carrying out those

2 (B) The Department Division of Community Correction Fund 3 Account shall consist of: 4 (i) Those general revenues as may be provided by 5 law; 6 (ii) Nonrevenue income derived from services 7 provided by the probation, parole, and community correction program; and 8 (iii) Any other funds provided by law, including 9 federal reimbursements received for eligible expenditures by the various 10 programs of the Department Division of Correction from appropriations made 11 payable from the Department Division of Community Correction Fund Account; 12 13 SECTION 328. Arkansas Code § 19-5-503 is amended to read as follows: 14 19-5-503. Work release centers. 15 The Community Correction Revolving Fund is authorized to borrow from 16 the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund for the establishment of new work release 17 centers for the Department Division of Correction. These loans shall be 18 repaid by the end of the fiscal year in which the loans are made. 19 20 SECTION 329. Arkansas Code § 19-5-905(a)(11)(A), concerning the 21 Securities Reserve Fund, is amended to read as follows: 22 (A) The Department Division of Correction Farm Fund under 23 § 19-5-501(b)(1); 24 25 SECTION 330. Arkansas Code § 19-5-1045(b) and (c), concerning the 26 County Jail Reimbursement Fund, are amended to read as follows: 27 The fund shall be used by the Department Division of Correction 28 for reimbursing counties housing prisoners sentenced to the Department 29 Division of Correction. 30 The fund shall be used by the Department Division of Community 31 Correction for reimbursing counties that are housing prisoners: 32 Sentenced to the Department Division of Community 33 Correction; 34 Placed on probation if the probation is accompanied by 35 incarceration in the Department Division of Community Correction; or 36 Confined in a county jail under any prerelease program or (3)

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     sanction imposed in response to a violation of a supervised condition.
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           SECTION 331. Arkansas Code § 19-6-301(31), concerning special revenues
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     enumerated, is amended to read as follows:
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                 (31) Fees recovered from ex-offenders on probation or parole
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     from a facility of the Department Division of Community Correction, as
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     enacted by Acts 1981, No. 70, and all laws amendatory thereto, § 16-93-104;
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           SECTION 332. Arkansas Code § 19-6-301(42) and (43), concerning special
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     revenues enumerated, are amended to read as follows:
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                 (42) That portion not declared to be "pledged revenues" for debt
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     service on any certificates of indebtedness issued under Acts 1983, No. 458,
     §§ 22-3-1201 - 22-3-1214, 22-3-1215 [repealed], and 22-3-1216 - 22-3-1219,
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     and that portion not declared cash funds paid to the Arkansas Development
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     Finance Authority for deposit into the Correction Facilities Privatization
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     Account of the Correction Facilities Construction Fund, § 22-3-1210(c)(1)(A),
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     of the Department Division of Correction's income from its farm operations,
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     including sale of farm products and livestock, rental of farm properties, and
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     payments from agencies of the state or federal government in connection with
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     the farm operations, as enacted by Acts 1968 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 50, and all
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     laws amendatory thereto, \$\$ 12-27-101 - 12-27-105, 12-27-107 - 12-27-109, 12-
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     27-112, 12-27-113, 12-27-115, 12-27-118, 12-27-120, 12-28-102, 12-29-101,
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     former 12-29-102, 12-29-103, 12-29-104, 12-29-107, 12-29-112, 12-29-401, 12-
     30-301, 12-30-306, 12-30-401, 12-30-403, 12-30-405 — 12-30-407, 12-30-408
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     [repealed], 16-93-101, 16-93-102, former 16-93-201, 16-93-202 - 16-93-204,
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     16-93-601, 16-93-610, 16-93-701, 16-93-705, and 25-8-106;
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                 (43) That portion not declared to be "pledged revenues" for debt
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     service on any certificates of indebtedness issued under Acts 1983, No. 458,
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     §§ 22-3-1201 - 22-3-1214, 22-3-1215 [repealed], 22-3-1216 - 22-3-1219, of the
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     Department Division of Correction's sales, or dispositions of articles and
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     products manufactured or produced by prison labor, as enacted by Acts 1967,
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     No. 473, known as the "Prison-Made Goods Act of 1967", § 12-30-201 et seq.;
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           SECTION 333. Arkansas Code § 19-6-403 is amended to read as follows:
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           19-6-403. Department Division of Correction Farm Fund.
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The Department Division of Correction Farm Fund shall consist of those

1 revenues as specified in \$19-6-301(42), there to be used for the 2 maintenance, operation, and improvement of the Department Division 3 Correction's farming operations. Any surplus accruing in the fund shall, upon 4 determination of that surplus, be transferred to the Department Division of 5 Correction Inmate Care and Custody Fund Account. 6 7 SECTION 334. Arkansas Code § 19-6-423 is amended to read as follows: 8 19-6-423. Department Division of Correction Prison Industry Fund. 9 The Department Division of Correction Prison Industry Fund shall 10 consist of those special revenues as specified in § 19-6-301(43), there to be 11 used for the maintenance, operation, and improvement of the Department 12 Division of Correction's prison industries activities. 13 14 SECTION 335. Arkansas Code § 19-7-406 is amended to read as follows: 15 19-7-406. Loans on agricultural products. 16 It shall be lawful for the Department Division of Correction and other 17 state institutions and the counties of the state which produce cotton or 18 other agricultural products to participate in government loans made available 19 upon these agricultural products. The superintendent of any such state 20 institution and the county judge of any such county are authorized to enter 21 into the necessary papers to secure the benefits of these government loans. 22 23 SECTION 336. Arkansas Code § 19-10-204(b)(1)(A)(iii)(b) and (c), 24 concerning jurisdiction of the Arkansas State Claims Commission, are amended 25 to read as follows: 26 (b) Claims against the Department Division of Community Correction for acts committed by a person while that person is 27 28 subject to conditions of parole or probation under Arkansas law; 29 (c) Claims against the Department Division of 30 Correction for acts committed by inmates while on authorized release from the 31 Department Division of Correction; or 32 33 SECTION 337. Arkansas Code § 19-10-216(c), concerning decisions of the 34 Arkansas State Claims Commission, is amended to read as follows: 35 (c) A claim filed by a person who at the time of filing is an inmate

of the Department Division of Correction is exempted from the requirements of

1 this section. 2 3 SECTION 338. Arkansas Code § 20-9-310(2), concerning liability for 4 furnishing medical records pursuant to subpoena, is amended to read as 5 follows: 6 (2) Providing access to or producing a copy of the health or 7 medical records requested by a clerk of a court, the Department Division of 8 Correction, the Department Division of Community Correction, the Arkansas 9 State Hospital, the Department of Health, the Department of Human Services, 10 or a local law enforcement agency under the Sex Offender Registration Act of 11 1997, § 12-12-901 et seq.; or 12 SECTION 339. Arkansas Code § 20-9-602(12), concerning consent to 13 14 medical treatment, is amended to read as follows: 15 (12) Any minor incarcerated in the Department Division of 16 Correction or the Department Division of Community Correction, for himself or 17 herself; and 18 19 SECTION 340. Arkansas Code § 20-9-604(e)(1), concerning consent for 20 medical procedure given by court in an emergency, is amended to read as 21 follows: 22 (e)(1) Consent may be given by a court when an emergency exists and 23 there is no one immediately available who is authorized, empowered to, or 24 capable of consent for a person of unsound mind or there has been a 25 subsequent material and morbid change in the condition of the affected person 26 who is in the custody of the Department Division of Correction or the 27 Department Division of Community Correction. 28 29 SECTION 341. Arkansas Code § 21-5-701(3), concerning the definition of 30 "covered public employee" under the laws addressing death benefits, is 31 amended to read as follows: 32 "Covered public employee" means a police officer, 33 firefighter, state highway employee, state correction employee, Department 34 Division of Community Correction employee, jailer, qualified emergency 35 services worker, wildlife enforcement officer, emergency medical technician,

Arkansas Forestry Commission employee, commissioned law enforcement

1 personnel, or emergency response personnel of the State Parks Division of the 2 Department of Parks and Tourism; 3 4 SECTION 342. Arkansas Code § 21-5-701(4), concerning the definition of 5 "Department of Community Correction employee" under the laws addressing death 6 benefits, is amended to read as follows: 7 (4) "Department Division of Community Correction employee" means 8 any employee of the Department Division of Community Correction who is 9 subject to injury through contact with parolees, probationers, or center 10 residents: 11 12 SECTION 343. Arkansas Code § 21-5-701(10), concerning the definition of "state correction employee" under the laws addressing death benefits, is 13 14 amended to read as follows: 15 (10) "State correction employee" means an employee of the 16 Department Division Correction or the Corrections School System who is 17 subject to injury through contact with inmates or parolees of the Department 18 Division of Correction; 19 20 SECTION 344. Arkansas Code § 21-5-704(b)(2)(A), concerning payment of 21 claim to covered public employees, their designated beneficiaries, or their 22 survivors, is amended to read as follows: 23 (2)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2)(B) of this 24 section, the funds shall not be reimbursed by transfer or charging the funds 25 against any state funds allocated for turnback to cities or counties or 26 distributed to the State Highway and Transportation Department Fund or 27 distributed to any Department Division of Correction fund account or any 28 other state department division agency fund account other than the Arkansas 29 State Claims Commission fund accounts and the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund or 30 state funds levied for firefighters, police officers, employees of the 31 Arkansas Department of Transportation, and employees of the Department 32 Division of Correction for pension purposes.

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SECTION 345. Arkansas Code § 21-5-704(c), concerning payment of claim 35 to covered public employees, their designated beneficiaries, or their survivors, is amended to read as follows:

(c) It is the intent of this subchapter that twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of the total obligation of providing the benefits provided by this subchapter, even though the funds are to be administered by the Arkansas State Claims Commission, are to be defrayed from state funds and are not to be charged against, or recovered against, any turnback moneys due the cities or counties of this state or allocated to the state highway system of this state or to the Department Division of Correction or any other state department agency fund account other than the Arkansas State Claims Commission fund accounts and the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund.

SECTION 346. Arkansas Code § 21-5-705(a)(1), concerning payment of claim to designated beneficiaries or survivors of certain specified public employees killed in the line of duty, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Police officer, wildlife enforcement officer, commissioned law enforcement officer or emergency response employee of the State Parks Division of the Department of Parks and Tourism, Department Division of Community Correction employee, employee of the Department Division of Correction, jailer, or coroner whose death occurred:

- SECTION 347. The introductory language of Arkansas Code § 21-5-705(b), concerning payment of claim to designated beneficiaries or survivors of certain specified public employees killed in the line of duty, is amended to read as follows:
- (b) In addition to the benefits provided for in subsection (a) of this section, the state shall pay the additional sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to the designated beneficiary, surviving spouse, or surviving children under twenty-two (22) years of age of any police officer, wildlife enforcement officer of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, commissioned law enforcement officer of the State Parks Division of the Department of Parks and Tourism, Department Division of Community Correction employee, or employee of the Department Division of Correction:

33 SECTION 348. Arkansas Code § 22-3-1202 is amended to read as follows: 34 22-3-1202. Purpose.

It has been found by the General Assembly that adequate construction, equipping, maintenance, and operation of facilities for the Department

- 1 <u>Division</u> of Correction and the state-supported institutions of higher
- 2 education are essential to the well-being of this state and that the pledging
- 3 of the motor vehicles safety inspection fee, the fees derived from the
- 4 agriculture and livestock activities and rentals of farm properties, the fees
- 5 collected from the sale or disposition of articles and products manufactured
- 6 through the operations of the prison industries program, and the rental fees
- 7 collected by state-supported institutions of higher education from tenants
- 8 other than state agencies is essential to the fulfillment of the purposes of
- 9 this subchapter.

- 11 SECTION 349. Arkansas Code § 22-3-1203(2), concerning the definition 12 of "building", is amended to read as follows:
- 13 (2)(A) "Building" or "buildings" means any and all buildings and
- 14 related facilities constructed or acquired and equipped for the housing of
- 15 inmates committed to, or in the custody of, the Department Division of
- 16 Correction; any and all buildings and related facilities constructed,
- 17 acquired, or equipped for the purpose of expanding the prison agriculture and
- 18 industry programs within the Department Division of Correction; and any and
- 19 all buildings constructed, acquired, or equipped for any state-supported
- 20 institution of higher education, the construction, acquisition, or equipping
- 21 of which are authorized by this subchapter.
- 22 (B) The term "building" or "buildings" means a single
- 23 building or complex of buildings or an expansion of an existing building or
- 24 complex of buildings as may be determined best to serve the needs of the
- 25 Department Division of Correction or state-supported institutions of higher
- 26 education and shall refer to and include such related structures, fixtures,
- 27 and facilities as may be determined to be appropriate;

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- 29 SECTION 350. Arkansas Code § 22-3-1203(5), concerning the definition
- 30 of "department", is amended to read as follows:
- 31 (5) "Department" means the Department Division of Correction
- 32 created by § 12-27-103 and any successor agency;

- 34 SECTION 351. Arkansas Code § 22-3-1205(a)(1) and (2), concerning
- 35 powers of Building Authority Division of the Department of Finance and
- 36 Administration, are amended to read as follows:

- 1 (1) Acquire, construct, repair, renovate, alter, maintain, and
 2 equip existing or new buildings and capital improvements and the sites upon
 3 which they are situated for use by the Department Division of Correction for
 4 the housing, treatment, care, and rehabilitation of inmates committed to or
 5 in the custody of the Department Division of Correction;
 - (2) Acquire, construct, repair, renovate, alter, maintain, and equip existing or new buildings and capital improvements and the sites upon which they are situated for use by the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction for the prison agriculture and industry programs;

- SECTION 352. Arkansas Code § 22-3-1210(a)(2) and (3), concerning certificates of indebtedness and the Public Facilities Debt Service Fund, are amended to read as follows:
- (2) All moneys from the sale of or disposition of farm products, livestock, or other products produced in connection with the agriculture and livestock activities at any institution under the control of the Board of Corrections or any successor entity, excluding those moneys that may be accountable from, or the value of, products consumed within the Department Division of Correction and from rental of farm properties under the control of the board or any successor entity;
- (3) All moneys from the sale or disposition of articles and products manufactured or produced by prison labor through the operations of the prison industry program, excluding those moneys that may be accountable from, or the value of, articles and products used or consumed within the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction; and

- SECTION 353. Arkansas Code § 22-3-1210(c), concerning certificates of indebtedness and the Public Facilities Debt Service Fund, is amended to read as follows:
- (c)(1)(A) Moneys described in subdivision (a)(2) of this section are declared to be cash funds restricted in their use and dedicated and are to be used solely as authorized in § 15-5-213. The cash funds when received by the Department Division of Correction shall not be deposited into or deemed to be a part of the State Treasury for purposes of Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 29, Arkansas Constitution, Article 16, § 12, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 20, or any other constitutional or statutory provision related

- 1 thereto. The Department Division of Correction shall pay such cash funds to
- 2 the Arkansas Development Finance Authority for deposit into the Correction
- 3 Facilities Privatization Account of the Correction Facilities Construction
- 4 Fund for the purposes authorized by § 15-5-213. The cash funds described in
- 5 this subsection shall not be subject to appropriation to the extent required
- 6 for debt service.
- 7 (B) Commencing on the first day of the month next
- 8 succeeding the issuance of certificates of indebtedness under this
- 9 subchapter, but not before July 1, 1983, and so long as any certificates are
- 10 outstanding under this subchapter, the pledged revenues, except as provided
- 11 herein, shall be deposited into the State Treasury as and when received by
- 12 the $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of Correction, by the Building Authority Division of
- 13 the Department of Finance and Administration, by state-supported institutions
- 14 of higher education, or by any other state agency, as the case may be, to the
- 15 credit of a fund to be designated the "Public Facilities Debt Service Fund".
- 16 (2) So long as any certificates of indebtedness are outstanding
- 17 under this subchapter, all moneys in the Public Facilities Debt Service Fund
- 18 shall be used solely for payment and redemption of the outstanding 1977 Bonds
- 19 and the 1979 Bonds, as authorized in this subchapter, for the payment of the
- 20 principal of and interest on the certificates of indebtedness as authorized
- 21 in this subchapter, for transfer of such amounts designated in subsection (a)
- 22 of this section from time to time, as deemed necessary by the Chief Fiscal
- 23 Officer of the State, to the Correction Facilities Privatization Account of
- 24 the Correction Facilities Construction Fund established in § 15-5-213, and
- 25 for the transfer of surplus moneys as defined in the authorizing resolution
- 26 in the State Treasury for credit to the designated Department Division of
- 27 Correction funds, in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter.

- 29 SECTION 354. Arkansas Code § 22-3-1210(f), concerning certificates of
- 30 indebtedness and the Public Facilities Debt Service Fund, is amended to read
- 31 as follows:
- 32 (f) Nothing in this section is intended to prohibit the <u>Building</u>
- 33 <u>Authority Division</u> from investing moneys received under this section, as
- 34 provided in this subchapter.

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36 SECTION 355. Arkansas Code § 22-3-2117 is amended to read as follows:

- 1 22-3-1217. Disposition of revenues from agricultural and livestock 2 activities of correctional facility.
- 3 (a)(1) Prior to the issuance of certificates of indebtedness as 4 authorized by this subchapter, all moneys collected by the Department
- 5 <u>Division</u> of Correction from the sale or disposition of farm products,
- 6 livestock, or other products produced in connection with agricultural and
- 7 livestock activities at institutions under the control of the Board of
- 8 Corrections, from the rental of farm properties under the control of the
- 9 board, and from payments from agencies of the state or federal government in
- 10 connection with the farm operations of the department division shall be
- 11 deposited into the State Treasury as special revenues for credit to the
- 12 Department Division of Correction Farm Fund, as authorized by law, to be used
- 13 for the maintenance, operation, and improvement of the agriculture and farm
- 14 programs of the department division.
- 15 (2) Moneys which the department division shall determine not to
- 16 be necessary in defraying expenses of operating the agriculture programs of
- 17 the department division and which are profit or surplus from the operation of
- 18 the agriculture programs shall, upon certification by the board to the Chief
- 19 Fiscal Officer of the State, be transferred by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
- 20 the State from the Department Division of Correction Farm Fund to the
- 21 Department Division of Correction Inmate Care and Custody Fund Account within
- 22 the State General Government Fund, to be used to supplement general revenues
- 23 provided for the maintenance, operation, and improvement of the department
- 24 division, as provided by law.
- 25 (b)(1) Commencing the first day of the month next succeeding the
- 26 issuance of any certificates of indebtedness as authorized by this
- 27 subchapter, the moneys described in this section shall be pledged revenues,
- 28 as stated in § 22-3-1210, and shall be deposited into the Public Facilities
- 29 Debt Service Fund as established in § 22-3-1210.
- 30 (2) Any surplus prison farm moneys in the Public Facilities Debt
- 31 Service Fund, as defined in the authorizing resolution, shall be transferred
- 32 to the Department <u>Division</u> of Correction Farm Fund, upon certification by the
- 33 Building Authority Division of the Department of Finance and Administration
- 34 to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to the Treasurer of State, and to
- 35 the Auditor of State, to be used for the maintenance, operation, and
- 36 improvement of the agriculture and farm programs of the Department Division

- 1 of Correction, as provided by law.
- 2 (3) Such moneys deposited into the Department Division of
- 3 Correction Farm Fund which the department division shall determine not to be
- 4 necessary in defraying expenses of operating the agriculture and farm
- 5 programs of the department division shall be, upon certification thereof by
- 6 the board to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, transferred by the Chief
- 7 Fiscal Officer of the State from the Department Division of Correction Farm
- 8 Fund to the Department Division of Correction Inmate Care and Custody Fund
- 9 Account within the State General Government Fund to be used to supplement
- 10 general revenues provided for the maintenance, operation, and improvement of
- 11 the department division, as provided by law.

- SECTION 356. Arkansas Code § 22-3-1218 is amended to read as follows:
- 14 22-3-1218. Disposition of revenues from prison labor.
- 15 (a)(1) Prior to the issuance of certificates of indebtedness as
- 16 authorized by this subchapter, all moneys collected by the Board of
- 17 Corrections from the sale or disposition of articles and products
- 18 manufactured or produced by prison labor shall be forthwith deposited with
- 19 the Treasurer of State, to be there kept and maintained as a special
- 20 revolving account designated as the "Department Division of Correction Prison
- 21 Industries Fund" as authorized by law. The moneys so collected and deposited
- 22 shall be used solely for the purchase of manufacturing supplies, equipment,
- 23 machinery, and buildings used to carry out the purposes of the industries
- 24 program within the Department Division of Correction as well as for the
- 25 payment of the necessary personnel in charge thereof and to otherwise defray
- 26 the necessary expenses incident thereto, all of which shall be under the
- 27 direction and subject to the approval of the board.
- 28 (2) The Department Division of Correction Prison Industries Fund
- 29 shall never be maintained in excess of the amount necessary to efficiently
- 30 and properly carry out the intentions of this subchapter.
- 31 (3) When, in the opinion of the board, the Department Division
- 32 of Correction Prison Industries Fund has reached a sum in excess of the
- 33 requirements of this subchapter, the excess shall be transferred, upon
- 34 certification to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State by the board, to the
- 35 Department Division of Correction Inmate Care and Custody Fund Account.
- 36 (b)(1) Commencing on the first day of the month next succeeding the

- 1 issuance of any certificates of indebtedness as authorized by this
- 2 subchapter, the moneys described in this section shall be pledged revenues,
- 3 as stated in § 22-3-1210, and shall be deposited into the Public Facilities
- 4 Debt Service Fund as established in § 22-3-1210.
- 5 (2) Any surplus prison industries moneys in the Public
- 6 Facilities Debt Service Fund, as defined in the authorizing resolution, shall
- 7 be transferred into the Department Division of Correction Prison Industries
- 8 Fund upon certification by the Building Authority Division of the Department
- 9 of Finance and Administration to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to
- 10 the Treasurer of State, and to the Auditor of State. The moneys are to be
- 11 used for the maintenance, operation, and improvement of the prison industries
- 12 programs of the Department Division of Correction, as provided by law.
- 13 (3) Such moneys deposited into the Department Division of
- 14 Correction Prison Industries Fund as the Department Division of Correction
- 15 shall determine not to be necessary in defraying the expenses of operating
- 16 the industries programs of the department Division of Correction, upon
- 17 certification thereof by the board to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
- 18 shall be transferred by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State from the
- 19 Department Division of Correction Prison Industries Fund to the Department
- 20 Division of Correction Inmate Care and Custody Fund Account within the State
- 21 General Government Fund to be used to supplement general revenues provided
- 22 for the maintenance, operation, and improvement of the Department Division of
- 23 Correction, as provided by law.

- 25 SECTION 357. Arkansas Code § 22-3-1225(c)(1) and (2), concerning the
- 26 Prison Construction Fund, are amended to read as follows:
- 27 (1) Correction or prison facilities to be used by the Department
- 28 Division of Correction;
- 29 (2) Regional jail facilities operated by the Department <u>Division</u>
- 30 of Correction; or

- 32 SECTION 358. Arkansas Code § 22-3-1225(e), concerning the Prison
- 33 Construction Fund, is amended to read as follows:
- 34 (e) The Arkansas Development Finance Authority shall not fund or
- 35 provide for the funding of any facility described in subsection (c) of this
- 36 section to be operated or utilized by the Department Division of Correction

- 1 unless the project, the plans therefor, and the construction thereof have
- 2 been reviewed and approved by the Building Authority Division of the
- 3 Department of Finance and Administration. The Arkansas Development Finance
- 4 Authority shall not fund or provide for the funding of any other regional
- 5 jail facility not utilized by the Department Division of Correction unless
- 6 the project is in compliance with the minimum standards for jail facilities
- 7 adopted by the state.

- 9 SECTION 359. Arkansas Code § 23-61-903(9)(A)(viii), concerning the definition of "submitting entity", is amended to read as follows:
- 11 (viii) An entity that contracts with institutions of
- 12 the $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of Correction or the $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of Community
- 13 Correction to provide medical, dental, or pharmaceutical care to inmates.

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- 15 SECTION 360. Arkansas Code § 23-115-402(f)(1) and (2), concerning the 16 restriction on the sale of lottery tickets, are amended to read as follows:
 - (1) The Department Division of Correction;
 - (2) The Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction; or

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- SECTION 361. Arkansas Code § 24-4-726(b), concerning state penitentiary employees retirement, is amended to read as follows:
- 22 (b) Upon certification from the Executive Director of the Arkansas
- 23 Public Employees' Retirement System, the Treasurer of State shall transfer
- 24 from the Department Division of Correction Inmate Care and Custody Fund
- 25 Account of the State General Government Fund to the Arkansas Public
- 26 Employees' Retirement System Fund an amount equal to the contributions made
- 27 by the state penitentiary employees. That amount shall be credited to the
- 28 Employer Contribution Fund of the system.

- 30 SECTION 362. Arkansas Code § 24-4-726(f), concerning state 31 penitentiary employees retirement, is amended to read as follows:
- 32 (f) On January 1 of each year, the Executive Director of the Arkansas
- 33 Public Employees' Retirement System shall determine the amount necessary for
- 34 the purpose of providing funds to assure the payment of such benefits. The
- 35 Treasurer of State shall transfer from the Department Division of Correction
- 36 Inmate Care and Custody Fund Account of the State General Government Fund to

1	the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System Fund that amount, as
2	certified by the executive director.
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4	SECTION 363. Arkansas Code § 25-4-127(b)(3)(D) and (E), concerning the
5	creation of the Data and Transparency Panel, are amended to read as follows:
6	(D) The Department Division of Community Correction;
7	(E) The Department Division of Correction;
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9	SECTION 364. Arkansas Code § 25-5-101 is repealed.
10	25-5-101. Continuation - Organization.
11	(a) The Department of Correction, established by § 12-27-101 et seq.,
12	is continued.
13	(b) The department shall consist of those divisions which existed on
14	July 1, 1971, and any other divisions which may be created by law and placed
15	under the department.
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17	SECTION 365. Arkansas Code § 25-15-202(1)(B), concerning the
18	definition of "adjudication", is amended to read as follows:
19	(B) "Adjudication" does not include inmate disciplinary
20	proceedings conducted by the $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of Correction and the
21	Department Division of Community Correction;
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23	SECTION 366. Arkansas Code § 25-15-211(d), concerning licenses for
24	administrative adjudication, is amended to read as follows:
25	(d)(1) A complaint filed by an offender with a state licensing board
26	or state licensing agency against a licensee of the board or agency shall not
27	be heard by the board or agency unless the complaint is accompanied by
28	appropriately verified documentation showing that the offender has exhausted
29	all administrative remedies under the $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of Correction
30	grievance procedure.
31	(2) For purposes of this section, "offender" means any person
32	sentenced to the $\frac{\text{Department}}{\text{Division}}$ of Correction or sentenced to the
33	$\frac{Department}{Division}$ of Correction for judicial transfer to the $\frac{Department}{Department}$
34	<u>Division</u> of Community Correction or any person confined in a community
35	correction center as a condition of probation, suspended imposition of
36	sentence, or post prison transfer.

SECTION 367. Arkansas Code § 25-15-212(a), concerning judicial review of administrative adjudication, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In cases of adjudication, any person, except an inmate under sentence to the custody of the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction, who considers himself or herself injured in his or her person, business, or property by final agency action shall be entitled to judicial review of the action under this subchapter. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit other means of review provided by law.

- SECTION 368. Arkansas Code § 25-16-614(d), concerning examination of office, is amended to read as follows:
- (d) On the refusal of the Treasurer of State to comply with the provisions of this section, his or her office shall be declared vacant and the offense deemed a felony, and on conviction thereof he or she shall be sentenced to the <u>Department Division</u> of Correction for a term not exceeding five (5) years.

- SECTION 369. Arkansas Code § 25-35-104(a)(2) and (3), concerning participation in the Arkansas Multi-Agency Insurance Trust Fund, are amended to read as follows:
 - (2) The Department Division of Correction;
 - (3) The Department <u>Division</u> of Community Correction; and

- SECTION 370. Arkansas Code § 27-14-2212(b), concerning the mutilation of serial numbers, is amended to read as follows:
- (b) Any person convicted of violating subsection (a) of this section shall be deemed guilty of a felony and punished by imprisonment in the Department Division of Correction for not less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years.

- SECTION 371. Arkansas Code § 27-65-132(c), concerning contracts
 between the State Highway Commission and employees, is amended to read as
 follows:
 - (c) Willful violation of this section shall be deemed a felony punishable by imprisonment in the Department Division of Correction for not

Т	less than one (1) year.
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3	SECTION 372. Arkansas Code § 27-66-601(a) and (b), concerning state
4	inmates working on roads, are amended to read as follows:
5	(a) The State Highway Commission shall employ and work as many of the
6	state inmates on the public roads as may not be otherwise employed by the
7	Department Division of Correction.
8	(b) State inmates working on roads shall be under the care and custody
9	of wardens or other officers named by the $\frac{Department}{Division}$ of Correction,
10	with the approval of the Governor.
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12	SECTION 373. Arkansas Code § 27-66-601(e), concerning state inmates
13	working on roads, is amended to read as follows:
14	(e) The Department <u>Division</u> of Correction is to receive no profits for
15	working the inmates on state roads.
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17	SECTION 374. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
18	General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that this act revises the duties of
19	certain state entities; that this act establishes new departments of the
20	state; that these revisions impact the expenses and operations of state
21	government; and that the provisions of this act should become effective at
22	the beginning of the fiscal year to allow for implementation of the new
23	provisions at the beginning of the fiscal year. Therefore, an emergency is
24	declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the preservation of the
25	public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2019.
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