

## SENATE BILL No. 421

By Committee on Ways and Means

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1 AN ACT concerning the department of corrections; relating to program  
2 credits earned by an inmate; amending K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 21-6821 and  
3 repealing the existing section.  
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 21-6821 is hereby amended to read as  
7 follows: 21-6821. (a) The secretary of corrections is hereby authorized to  
8 adopt rules and regulations providing for a system of good time  
9 calculations. Such rules and regulations shall provide circumstances upon  
10 which an inmate may earn good time credits and for the forfeiture of  
11 earned credits. Such circumstances may include factors related to program  
12 and work participation and conduct and the inmate's willingness to  
13 examine and confront past behavioral patterns that resulted in the  
14 commission of the inmate's crimes.

15 (b) For purposes of determining release of an inmate, the following  
16 shall apply with regard to good time calculations:

17 (1) Good behavior by inmates is the expected norm and negative  
18 behavior will be punished; and

19 (2) the amount of good time which can be earned by an inmate and  
20 subtracted from any sentence is limited to:

21 (A) For a crime committed on or after July 1, 1993, an amount equal  
22 to 15% of the prison part of the sentence;

23 (B) for a nondrug severity level 7 through 10 crime committed on or  
24 after January 1, 2008, an amount equal to 20% of the prison part of the  
25 sentence; or

26 (C) for a drug severity level 3 or 4 crime committed on or after  
27 January 1, 2008, but prior to July 1, 2012, or a drug severity level 4 or 5  
28 crime committed on or after July 1, 2012, an amount equal to 20% of the  
29 prison part of the sentence.

30 (c) The postrelease supervision term of a person sentenced to a term  
31 of imprisonment that includes a sentence for a sexually violent crime as  
32 defined in K.S.A. 22-3717, and amendments thereto, a sexually motivated  
33 crime in which the offender has been ordered to register pursuant to  
34 subsection (d)(1)(D)(vii) of K.S.A. 22-3717, and amendments thereto,  
35 electronic solicitation, K.S.A. 21-3523, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2013  
36 Supp. 21-5509, and amendments thereto, or unlawful sexual relations,

1 K.S.A. 21-3520, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 21-5512, and  
2 amendments thereto, shall have any time which is earned and subtracted  
3 from the prison part of such sentence and any other consecutive or  
4 concurrent sentence pursuant to good time calculation added to such  
5 inmate's postrelease supervision term.

6 (d) An inmate shall not be awarded good time credits pursuant to this  
7 section for any review period established by the secretary of corrections in  
8 which a court finds that the inmate has done any of the following while in  
9 the custody of the secretary of corrections:

10 (1) Filed a false or malicious action or claim with the court;

11 (2) brought an action or claim with the court solely or primarily for  
12 delay or harassment;

13 (3) testified falsely or otherwise submitted false evidence or  
14 information to the court;

15 (4) attempted to create or obtain a false affidavit, testimony or  
16 evidence; or

17 (5) abused the discovery process in any judicial action or proceeding.

18 (e) (1) For purposes of determining release of an inmate who is  
19 serving only a sentence for a nondrug severity level 4 through 10 crime or  
20 a drug severity level 3 or 4 crime committed on or after January 1, 2008,  
21 but prior to July 1, 2012, or an inmate who is serving only a sentence for a  
22 nondrug severity level 4 through 10 crime or a drug severity level 4 or 5  
23 crime committed on or after July 1, 2012, the secretary of corrections is  
24 hereby authorized to adopt rules and regulations regarding program credit  
25 calculations. Such rules and regulations shall provide circumstances upon  
26 which an inmate may earn program credits and for the forfeiture of earned  
27 credits and such circumstances may include factors substantially related to  
28 program participation and conduct. In addition to any good time credits  
29 earned and retained, the following shall apply with regard to program  
30 credit calculations:

31 (A) A system shall be developed whereby program credits may be  
32 earned by inmates for the successful completion of requirements for a  
33 general education diploma, a technical or vocational training program, a  
34 substance abuse treatment program or any other program designated by the  
35 secretary which has been shown to reduce offender's risk after release; and

36 (B) the amount of time which can be earned and retained by an  
37 inmate for the successful completion of programs and subtracted from any  
38 sentence is limited to not more than 60 days.

39 (2) Any time which is earned and subtracted from the prison part of  
40 the sentence of any inmate pursuant to program credit calculation shall not  
41 be added to such inmate's postrelease supervision term, if applicable,  
42 except that the postrelease supervision term of a person sentenced to a  
43 term of imprisonment that includes a sentence for a sexually violent crime

1 as defined in K.S.A. 22-3717, and amendments thereto, a sexually  
2 motivated crime in which the offender has been ordered to register  
3 pursuant to subsection (d)(1)(D)(vii) of K.S.A. 22-3717, and amendments  
4 thereto, electronic solicitation, K.S.A. 21-3523, prior to its repeal, or  
5 K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 21-5509, and amendments thereto, or unlawful sexual  
6 relations, K.S.A. 21-3520, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 21-  
7 5512, and amendments thereto, shall have any time which is earned and  
8 subtracted from the prison part of such sentence and any other consecutive  
9 or concurrent sentence pursuant to program credit calculation added to  
10 such inmate's postrelease supervision term.

11 (3) When separate sentences of imprisonment for different crimes are  
12 imposed on a defendant on the same date, a defendant shall only be  
13 eligible for program credits if such crimes are a nondrug severity level 4  
14 through 10, a drug severity level 3 or 4 committed prior to July 1, 2012, or  
15 a drug severity level 4 or 5 committed on or after July 1, 2012.

16 (4) Program credits shall not be earned by any offender successfully  
17 completing a sex offender treatment program.

18 (5) The secretary of corrections shall report to the Kansas sentencing  
19 commission and the Kansas reentry policy council the data on the program  
20 credit calculations.

21 (6) *Program credits earned by an inmate, with the consent of the*  
22 *inmate, may be published on the public website of the department of*  
23 *corrections.*

24 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 21-6821 is hereby repealed.

25 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
26 publication in the statute book.