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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1660

5 By: Representative Ratliff  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CALCULATION OF PAROLE  
9 ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN INMATES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
10 CORRECTION WHO WERE SENTENCED FOR CONTROLLED  
11 SUBSTANCE-RELATED FELONIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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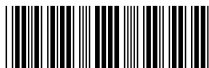
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Temporary language.

25 (a) When calculating the parole eligibility date for an inmate who is  
26 serving a sentence for violating the former § 5-64-401 et seq. or any other  
27 offense for possession, distribution, sale, or manufacture of a controlled  
28 substance that was committed before August 16, 2013, the Parole Board shall  
29 base the calculation on the maximum term of years currently allowed by law  
30 for the type and amount of the controlled substance for which the inmate was  
31 convicted.

32 (b) Notwithstanding § 16-93-612, when determining parole eligibility  
33 for an inmate serving a sentence for an offense under subsection (a) of this  
34 section, the Parole Board shall compare the nature of the offense, including  
35 the type, weight, and amount of the controlled substance involved and  
36 determine the parole eligibility as if the inmate were sentenced under a



1 currently comparable offense under § 5-64-402 – § 5-64-444.

2 (c) In an application for parole, the inmate shall bear the burden of  
3 establishing the type and amount of the controlled substance involved in his  
4 or her conviction.

5 (d) The Parole Board shall promulgate rules to implement this section  
6 within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this act.

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