

ACT No. 7

2024 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 10

BY REPRESENTATIVES VILLIO, MIKE JOHNSON, AND WRIGHT AND SENATORS MORRIS AND SEABAUGH

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:571.5(C), to enact R.S. 15:571.3(G) and 571.3.1, and to
3 repeal R.S. 15:571.3(C) and (D) and 574.6.1 and Code of Criminal Procedure Article
4 895.6, relative to eligibility for good time credits; to provide relative to the automatic
5 earning of good time credits by offenders for good behavior; to provide for the
6 elimination of earned compliance credits while on probation or parole; to provide
7 relative to the earning of additional good time credit through participation and
8 completion of certain programs while incarcerated; and to provide for related
9 matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 15:571.5(C) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 15:571.3(G)
12 and 571.3.1 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §571.3. Diminution of sentence for good behavior

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15 G. No person who commits an offense on or after August 1, 2024, shall be
16 eligible to earn nor be entitled to any diminution of sentence or good time, except as
17 provided in R.S. 15:571.3.1.

18 §571.3.1. Eligibility and applicability of diminution of sentence for crimes
19 committed on or after August 1, 2024

20 A. No person who commits an offense on or after August 1, 2024, shall be
21 eligible to earn nor be entitled to any diminution of sentence, hereinafter known as
22 "good time", except as provided in this Section.

1 B. Every offender in a parish prison or in custody of the Department of
2 Public Safety and Corrections who has been convicted of a felony and sentenced to
3 imprisonment, with or without hard labor, may earn diminution of sentence for good
4 behavior up to a maximum amount of fifteen percent of the particular sentence
5 imposed. The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to any person who has
6 been convicted of a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541 or to any person who has
7 been sentenced as a habitual offender under the Habitual Offender Law as set forth
8 in R.S. 15:529.1.

9 C. Every offender in a parish prison or in custody of the Department of
10 Public Safety and Corrections who has been convicted of a felony and sentenced to
11 imprisonment, with or without hard labor, may earn an additional diminution of
12 sentence as provided in R.S. 15:828. The provisions of this Subsection shall not
13 apply to any person who has been convicted of a sex offense as defined in R.S.
14 15:541.

15 D. There shall be no diminution of sentence or good time credit earned or
16 eligible to be earned on time served pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure Article
17 880.

18 E. Any diminution of sentence or good time earned under this Section shall
19 be subject to forfeiture as provided in R.S. 15:571.4.

20 F. Any offender released because of diminution of sentence earned pursuant
21 to this Section shall be released subject to the provisions of R.S. 15:571.5. The
22 remainder of the original full term of sentence shall be served as if on unsupervised
23 parole for any offender released pursuant to this Subsection unless his parole is
24 revoked as provided in R.S. 15:571.5(C).

25 G. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
26 have sole power and authority to determine when good time has been earned and
27 when diminution of sentence may be allowed in accordance with the provisions of
28 this Section.

29 H. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
30 promulgate rules and regulations to govern the adoption of the provisions of this

1 Section as it relates to the earning of diminution of sentence, the method and
 2 specifics for earning good time, and further defining the terms utilized in this
 3 Section. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure
 4 Act.

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6 §571.5. Supervision upon release after diminution of sentence for good behavior;
 7 conditions of release; revocation

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9 C. If such person's parole is revoked by the parole committee for violation
 10 of the terms of parole, the person shall be recommitted to the department for the
 11 remainder of the original full term, ~~subject to credit for time served for good~~
 12 ~~behavior while on parole.~~

13 Section 2. R.S. 15:571.3(C) and (D) and 574.6.1 and Code of Criminal Procedure
 14 Article 895.6 are hereby repealed in their entirety.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____