
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CORRECTIONS.

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

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

4 "§353- Earned time. (a) Earned time, not to exceed ten
5 days for every month of incarceration, may be deducted from an
6 inmate's sentence upon a demonstration to the department by the
7 inmate, which is certified by the inmate's case manager, that
8 the inmate has made consistent progress in each of the following
9 categories:

- 10 (1) Work and vocational or occupational training,
11 including attendance, promptness, performance,
12 cooperation, care of materials, and safety;
13 (2) Social adjustment, including group living,
14 housekeeping, personal hygiene, and cooperation;
15 (3) Participation in counseling sessions and involvement
16 in self-help groups;



1 (4) Progress toward the goals and participation in
2 therapeutic or other programs established by the
3 department; and

4 (5) Positive progress, in accordance with performance
5 standards established by the department in the
6 education or literacy program.

7 (b) The department shall develop objective standards for
8 measuring consistent progress in the categories listed in
9 subsection (a). The standards shall be applied in all
10 evaluations of inmates for the earned time authorized in this
11 section.

12 (c) For each inmate committed to the custody of the
13 director, the department shall review the performance record of
14 the inmate and may grant, withhold, withdraw, or restore,
15 consistent with the provisions of this section, an earned time
16 deduction from the sentence imposed. The review shall be
17 conducted annually while the person is incarcerated and shall
18 vest upon being granted. In addition to any other sanctions,
19 the director may refer to the prosecutor's office of the
20 appropriate county all cases where the inmate tests positive for
21 the presence of drugs.



1 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,
 2 earned time may not reduce the sentence of any inmate by a
 3 period of time that is more than twenty-five per cent of the
 4 sentence."

5 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

"Earned time" Credit; Corrections

Description:

Allows an inmate to receive "earned time" credit to reduce the length of a prison sentence.

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