

HB 2751 -- PUBLIC SAFETY

SPONSOR: Perkins

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS (Section 208.247)

The bill repeals current provisions of law allowing for individuals convicted of certain drug offenses to participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) only if certain conditions are met.

Under this bill, individuals who are convicted of a state or federal felony drug offense can not be excluded from SNAP because of the conviction.

GOOD TIME AND EARNED TIME CREDIT (Section 558.041)

Currently, offenders in the Department of Corrections may earn time credited off the end of their sentences for serving their sentences in an orderly and peaceable manner and taking advantage of the available rehabilitation programs.

This bill requires the Director of the Department to issue a policy for good time credit and, separately, earned time credit.

Any major conduct violation of institutional rules, violation of law, parole revocation, or the accumulation of six or more minor conduct violations in a calendar year will result in the loss of all prior credit earned by the offender.

Good time credit will be awarded to offenders who serve their sentences in a peaceable manner and display exemplary compliance with institutional disciplinary regulations. An offender can receive up to 54 days of good time credit toward the service of a sentence per year.

Earned time credit will be awarded to offenders who participate in qualifying rehabilitation programs and productive activities. For every 30 days of successful participation in rehabilitative programs or productive activities during an offender's term of imprisonment, the offender will earn 10 days of credit toward a sentence. The bill specifies types of programs or activities for which credit can be earned. The Department will specify in its policies which programs will qualify for earned time credit, the criteria for awarding credit, and the criteria for determining completion of the programs.

The bill creates a one-year window for eligible offenders to petition the Department for earned time credit for qualifying programs or activities completed between January 1, 2010 and August 28, 2026. The Department will notify the incarcerated population of the petition process through posted signage, electronic notification, and through staff in all facilities and will provide petition forms to offenders.

Good time credit and earned time credit are not available to offenders sentenced to death or sentenced to life without probation or parole, or offenders serving a sentence of less than one year.

Nothing in this bill should be construed to remove the parole board's discretion in awarding good time credit or earned time credit.

The Department will prepare and submit an annual report to the General Assembly on good time credit and earned time credit.

#### DATA ON CRIMINAL ACTIVITY (Section 589.710)

This bill provides that criminal justice agencies, as defined in the bill, shall share with a bona fide researcher, also defined in the bill, all criminal justice data and records, including relevant personally identifying information and demographic information, held by that agency relating to:

- (1) A law enforcement stop, search, or seizure;
- (2) A warrant, arrest, or citation;
- (3) Participation in a pre-arrest or post-arrest diversion, specialty court, or other alternative resolution program;
- (4) A criminal charge, disposition, or sentence;
- (5) Pretrial or posttrial release from custody, or any terms or conditions of release;
- (6) A grant, order, change in the terms of, or termination of pretrial supervised release, probation, parole, or participation in correctional or rehabilitative programs; or
- (7) Formal discipline, reclassification, or relocation any person under criminal sentence or correctional control.

The Attorney General will issue guidance to assist criminal justice agencies in properly complying with the release of data and records by February 28, 2027. A criminal justice agency may assess reasonable fees, not to exceed actual costs, for the data and records.

This bill has provisions that are the similar to HB 1360 (2025).