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I support good time credits for positive conduct



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the inmates who choice to work hard and make changes in their life need to have some type of encouragement to change the behaviors



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Certain inmates serving a term of years should be provided gain time for good behavior as a reward and an incentive. For that reason the MCC supports.



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WITNESS NAME: DEBBIE FEEBACK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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There are people that are incarcerated that are innocent because of the corruption that goes on in our court rooms and then there are people that are guilty. Maybe of the act maybe a bad choices but regardless there needs to be room for reform. What is the point in going in and trying to do the right things and taking classes to improve and working a full-time job if you're not going to get rewarded. Further, I think that they should take a better look at the good time Credit on the types of felonies that are exempt from this. There are instances such as in my son's case, though he is not alone, but the type of felony is inaccurate either due to a plea bargain or due to the corruption., etc. For instance, my son's felony class got changed randomly after there were decisions made that was an agreement between two attorneys. It had nothing to do with what he was being accused of. So it's important to understand that there are a lot of variables behind a classification and it may not fit the crime. There's a whole story behind my son's conviction. What you see on paper is not accurate and that's the same for people across our prisons. My son has a corrupt judge and a corrupt attorney. It was a first time probation violation that he was in a courtroom addressing and the judge just threw 20 years. Medical Conditions metal in his body from having had a hip surgery that never gotten removed, etc. there's so much more that goes on.



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Those in custody should be recognized for making good use of their time while incarcerated. What incentive do they have to do better, otherwise?



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As the largest and oldest anti-poverty non-profit in our state, Empower Missouri is committed to improving the quality of life for all Missouri residents through advocacy. Since our inception, Empower Missouri has focused on the criminal justice system and its impacts. Our Community Justice Coalition consists of community advocates and organizations from across the state who work with those who have been impacted by the criminal justice system. Many coalition members are formerly incarcerated or have currently incarcerated loved ones, and all are connected by a vision for a future without mass incarceration.

HBs 2831 and 2695 would expand the ability for individuals committed to the Department of Corrections to earn good time and earned time credit. This expansion would have a positive impact on incarcerated individuals, their loved ones, the environment within correctional facilities, and ultimately, Missouri communities. The availability of such credits based on the merits of a person's behavior can make the prison environment safer for other incarcerated individuals and correctional officers. By incentivizing good behavior, rather than punishing bad behavior, good time credits help incarcerated individuals develop positive habits that lead to reduced recidivism outcomes after their release. The earned time programs named in these bills incorporate educational opportunities, vocational training, and rehabilitation, all critical elements in preparing individuals for reentry and improving community safety for all.

In order to ensure that these bills and other legislation have the intended impact of promoting program participation for incarcerated individuals (thereby reducing recidivism), the legislature may also consider increased resources for rehabilitative and educational programs in the Department of Corrections. We trust the legislature will consider this as part of the appropriations process. Thank you for your time and consideration. For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to pass HBs 2831 and 2695 out of this committee.

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WITNESS NAME: JAMES NORRIS		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: JERIKA WHITE		PHONE NUMBER: 314-357-3236	
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WITNESS NAME: KERRY COWGILL		PHONE NUMBER:
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Many offenders in our over crowded understaffed prisons are not bad humans when they are not under the influence of drugs and those who take advantage of any and every opportunity/program to consistently improve themselves , I believe should be allowed to earn time off of their sentences . It's a fact that many when given a chance to make and set goals positive changes happen.



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WITNESS NAME: KEVIN WALSH		PHONE NUMBER:
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This bill will prevent some cruelty.



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WITNESS NAME: KHANIKA HARPER		PHONE NUMBER: 314-530-8331	
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WITNESS NAME: LINDA MARIE GREEN		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: MATTHEW CHARLES		PHONE NUMBER: 615-428-8206	
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Thank you to Chair Mayhew, Vice Chair Cook, Ranking Minority Member Collins, and members of the Committee for considering this written statement in support of HB 2695 by Rep. Jamie Gragg (R-140), HB 2751 by Rep. Chad Perkins (R-040), and HB 2831 by Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D-077) – all relating to good and earned time credit within the state prison system.

These bills would, if passed, amend Missouri law to follow the model of President Trump’s First Step Act of 2018. They equip correctional staff with a vital safety tool and allow those in custody to earn credits for orderly, positive behavior and programming that reduces recidivism and prepares people for release by learning valuable skills and finding employment. FAMM supports these bills, and these bills support Missourians lifting themselves up, rehabilitating, and getting back to work to support their families. Conservative Political Action Committee polling shows that 70% of Americans favor programs that prepare people to leave prison job-ready and addiction free to become more productive members of our communities.

My name is Matthew Charles. I was sentenced to thirty-five years in federal prison in 1996 for drug offenses. I served 22 years before becoming a beneficiary of the First Step Act, which is President Trump’s landmark criminal justice legislation. I was the first beneficiary and was honored to attend the State of the Union address as President Trump’s guest in 2019. The President spoke about the new law implementing earned time credits and how I was a success story and not someone who needed to go back to prison. Since then, I have traveled the country speaking with state and federal lawmakers about my experience. I testify today on behalf of FAMM, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that advocates sentencing and prison policies that are individualized, fair, protect public safety, and preserve families.

This legislation will benefit Missouri correctional staff, incarcerated people, and families of both. The Missouri Department of Corrections (MDOC) is a very large agency with a \$935 million dollar 2026 budget. MDOC employs over 10,000 people, incarcerates 23,000, and affects an untold number through the ripple impact on the families of those who live and work in its 19+ facilities. FAMM walks with families who are “doing the time” with their loved one. Families lose emotionally and economically when their loved one is incarcerated. Not only is income gone, but they must also often support the person inside financially. The state also loses on a mass scale from the economic impact of having so many people out of the workforce and unable to support their families. FAMM is in favor of earned and good time credits because we understand the importance of seeing people become rehabilitated and

therefore productive members of society, which reduces recidivism, adds to public safety, and causes safer prison environments.

90% of incarcerated people come home from state prison. These bills will help ensure that they leave state correctional facilities better than they came in. Earned and good time credits require active participation toward self-improvement while not keeping people past the point of necessity. This legislation prevents crime by giving people the tools and skills they need to take care of themselves and their family. The bills are good for families. They will save state resources long term by incentivizing vocational and work training, education, and treatment through “good time” and “earned time” credit – just like President Trump did in the federal system.

Missouri has a law purporting to do this, but it’s not used or functional because it doesn’t lay out any standards. RSMo 558.041. The federal First Step Act provides that incarcerated people in the federal system get 54 days off their sentence for every year of “exemplary” behavior while incarcerated, and 10 days off for every 30 days of participation in qualifying vocational and rehabilitative programming (getting a GED, substance abuse, parenting classes, financial literacy, etc.). These bills will allow incarcerated people in Missouri to earn credits off a prison sentence for exemplary behavior within the prison, vocational training, workforce development, parenting courses, and other rehabilitation. Important aspects of the legislation include:

? Eligibility – incarcerated people are eligible if they are not sentenced to death, life without probation or parole, or deemed a persistent offender, dangerous offender, or persistent sexual offender.

? Good time credit – an incarcerated person may receive credit toward the service of sentence of up to 54 days off each year subject to a yearly determination by the department of corrections that they displayed “exemplary compliance with institutional disciplinary regulations” the year before. This is the exact same time allowed off a sentence per year as in President Trump’s First Step Act.

? Earned time credit – an incarcerated person who successfully participates in evidence-based recidivism reduction programming or productive activities shall earn 10 days of credit for every 30 days of successful participation. This is the exact same time allowed off a sentence per year as in President Trump’s First Step Act. Programs and activities include, but are not limited to, earning a high school diploma or GED, college diploma, vocational training certificates, successful employment, parenting and financial literacy courses, alcohol and drug treatment programs, restorative justice and faith-based programs.

? The bills would require MDOC to create policies with relevant details for these programs, including a petition to apply for credit for programs and activities completed between 2010 and the enactment date.

? There is no get out of jail free card but rather a “prove you’ve changed” record that is clearly reflected. First, the credits can be withdrawn or revoked if there is a violation of correctional policies, facility rules, or prisoner conduct rules. Second, the parole board shall retain all discretion and provide the same safety check and balance it provides now before any release.

These incentives not only promote good behavior; they also provide critical tools for our law enforcement community in corrections by giving them a safer, more orderly work environment. MDOC is facing a 30% staff turnover rate. Correctional staff leave prisons every day, and they bring the work home with them to their spouses, children, and communities. Violent, miserable prisons are bad for everyone. Safe, productive prisons are good for correctional staff, incarcerated people, and their respective families.

FAMM is happy to provide technical assistance and facilitate connections to further advance and implement the earned and good time credit legislation, which can be done using analog paper record systems and/or through computer technology which MDOC likely needs to move toward as it modernizes its systems. There are many organizations with expertise in these arenas which we can connect with.

Finally, of the three bills note that there is an important provision that is only in HB 2751 providing that criminal justice agencies grant data access to bona fide researchers and research organizations, i.e.

experts conducting research and statistical analysis. While the legislation does not allow direct public access, the provisions provide important transparency that will ultimately allow decisionmakers like you to determine what is working well, what is not working, and how to improve public policy in critical areas relating to public safety. FAMM supports this portion of Rep. Perkins' HB 2751.

Please reach out to alex@csga.com, mcharles@famm.org, and mgoellner@famm.org or (717) 945-9089 for more information or to discuss these matters further.

Thank you for considering our views.



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My Brother was allotted 1083 days time served by The Judge and the Probation Department Of Missouri of Department of Corrections will not accept it. He should of already been released because of time served.He also has not had one write for anything since he has been incarcerated, so he deserves to come home and I support HB 2695



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I am in full support of this bill



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WITNESS NAME: RICHARD JACKSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: SHELLEY DAVIS		PHONE NUMBER:
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Dear Members of the House Corrections Committee, please vote YES on HB 2695, HB 2751, and HB 2831. These bills would follow President Trump's First Step Act by incentivizing good behavior, education, and job training in prison by giving the federal standard for credit off a prison sentence when someone takes rehabilitative steps. This bill will help Missouri families get their loved ones back to work sooner, help taxpayers by saving money, and help correctional officers who are understaffed. I encourage you to visit a prison and talk to both incarcerated people and staff, and VOTE YES on HB 2695, HB 2751, and HB 2831. Thank you.



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I'm for continuing good time because it creates good behavior while incarcerated



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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. AC "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVO		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: SARAH BERRY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose to House Bill 2695, not because accountability in our correctional system is unimportant, but because this bill quietly shifts punishment from courts to bureaucracy and replaces fairness with discretion untethered to due process.

At its core, HB 2695 converts good-time and earned-time credit from a conditional opportunity into a mandatory administrative calculation, while simultaneously expanding the Department of Corrections' unilateral authority to revoke all previously earned credit for conduct that may be minor, cumulative, or unrelated to public safety.

This raises three serious concerns.

First, due process.

The bill allows the loss of all earned credit based on internal policy determinations rather than adjudicated findings, without requiring clear procedural safeguards, meaningful notice, or independent review. Time credit directly affects liberty. When liberty is at stake, the Constitution demands more than internal policy and discretionary enforcement.
 Second, separation of powers.

Sentencing is a judicial function.

HB 2695 effectively allows an executive agency to materially alter the length of incarceration through internal rules that are no longer clearly subject to legislative oversight or public rulemaking protections. That is not rehabilitation; it is sentence modification by administrative fiat.

Third, arbitrariness and disproportionality.

Under this bill, an individual may lose years of earned credit for accumulating more than six minor violations in a year — regardless of context, severity, or rehabilitative progress. This does not incentivize good behavior; it breeds instability, resentment, and inconsistency. Punishment divorced from proportionality does not strengthen institutions — it weakens them.

I want to be clear: rehabilitation, education, and accountability matter. But they cannot exist without fairness.

A system that grants incentives with one hand and removes them wholesale with the other — without transparent standards or external checks — is not just ineffective, it is unjust.

Government must be firm, yes — but it must also be measured, constitutional, and restrained. HB 2695 fails that test.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to oppose this bill.