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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 486

5 By: Senator G. Leding  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PAROLE ELIGIBILITY  
9 OF A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE COMMITTED  
10 WHEN HE OR SHE WAS A MINOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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13 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PAROLE  
14 ELIGIBILITY OF A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED  
15 OF AN OFFENSE COMMITTED WHEN HE OR SHE  
16 WAS A MINOR.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-93-621(a)(2)(A), concerning parole  
23 eligibility for a person who was a minor at the time of committing an offense  
24 that was committed before, on, or after March 20, 2017, is amended to read as  
25 follows:

26 (2)(A) A Unless by law the minor is eligible for earlier parole  
27 eligibility, a minor who was convicted and sentenced to the department or the  
28 division for an offense committed before he or she was eighteen (18) years of  
29 age, in which the death of another person occurred, and that was committed  
30 before, on, or after March 20, 2017, is eligible for release on parole no  
31 later than after twenty-five (25) years of incarceration if he or she was  
32 convicted of murder in the first degree, § 5-10-102, or no later than after  
33 thirty (30) years of incarceration if he or she was convicted of capital  
34 murder, § 5-10-101, including:

35 (i) any ~~any~~ Any applicable sentencing enhancements,  
36 ~~unless by law the minor is eligible for earlier parole eligibility; and~~



1                                   (ii) An instance in which multiple sentences are to  
2 be served consecutively or concurrently.

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4           SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-93-621(a)(4), concerning parole  
5 eligibility for a person who was a minor at the time of committing an offense  
6 that was committed before, on, or after March 20, 2017, is amended to read as  
7 follows:

8                           (4) The calculation of the time periods under this subsection  
9 shall include any:

10                           (A) ~~applicable~~ Applicable sentence enhancements to which  
11 the minor was sentenced that accompany the sentence for the underlying  
12 offense; and

13                           (B) Concurrent or consecutive sentences for an offense  
14 committed before the minor was eighteen (18) years of age.

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