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AN ACT to amend the correction law and the penal law, in relation to the early release of incarcerated individuals

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "earned  
2 time act".

3 § 2. The correction law is amended by adding a new section 802 to read  
4 as follows:

5 § 802. Data collection. The department shall report annually to the  
6 governor and the legislature with respect to each instance in which time  
7 allowance credit has been withheld, forfeited or cancelled. The report  
8 shall provide the following information: the name, department identifi-  
9 cation number and race of each incarcerated individual who has been  
10 denied credit and the amount of credit involved, the reason or reasons  
11 for the denial, including, where applicable, a description of the bad  
12 behavior or institutional rule violation or violations (including the  
13 corresponding numerical code in the department's inmate rule handbook),  
14 and, where applicable, a description of the assigned duty and/or iden-  
15 tification of assigned treatment program in which the incarcerated  
16 person was determined to have failed to perform properly. The report  
17 shall additionally specify the department facility in which the recom-  
18 mendation to withhold, forfeit or cancel good time was made and the  
19 names of the department personnel on such facility's time allowance  
20 committee who made such recommendation.

21 § 3. Section 803 of the correction law, as amended by chapter 3 of the  
22 laws of 1995, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of subdivision 1 and subdivi-  
23 sions 3, 4, and 5 as amended by section 37 of subpart B of part C of  
24 chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, paragraph (d) of subdivision 1 and

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 subdivision 2-a as added by chapter 738 of the laws of 2004, subpara-  
2 graph (ii) of paragraph (d) of subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 322  
3 of the laws of 2021, subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (d) of subdivision 1  
4 as separately amended by chapters 242 and 322 of the laws of 2021,  
5 subdivision 2-b as added by section 3 of part E of chapter 62 of the  
6 laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

7 § 803. Good behavior allowances against indeterminate and determinate  
8 sentences. 1. (a) Every person confined in an institution of the depart-  
9 ment or a facility in the department of mental hygiene serving an inde-  
10 terminate or determinate sentence of imprisonment, except a person serv-  
11 ing a sentence with a maximum term of life imprisonment, ~~[may]~~ shall  
12 receive a time allowance against the term or maximum term of ~~[his or~~  
13 ~~her]~~ their sentence imposed by the court. Such allowances ~~[may be grant-~~  
14 ~~ed for good behavior and efficient and willing performance of duties~~  
15 ~~assigned or progress and achievement in an assigned treatment program,~~  
16 ~~and may be withheld, forfeited or canceled in whole or in part for bad~~  
17 ~~behavior, violation of institutional rules or failure to perform proper-~~  
18 ~~ly in the duties or program assigned]~~ shall be credited toward a  
19 person's sentence on an annual pro rata basis, and any credit awarded  
20 over the course of the calendar year shall vest on the final day of the  
21 calendar year. Once vested, such credit shall not be withheld,  
22 forfeited, or canceled.

23 (a-1) Time allowances that have not yet been credited toward a  
24 person's sentence may be withheld, forfeited or canceled in whole or in  
25 part for violation of institutional rules, as demonstrated at a hearing  
26 by a preponderance of the evidence. Such restrictions shall be limited  
27 to the pro rata share of credit within the calendar year that the  
28 offense is committed. If such time allowance is withheld, forfeited or  
29 canceled in whole or in part, further allowances, not to exceed the  
30 allowances set forth in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subdivision, may  
31 be reinstated for good behavior and efficient and willing performance of  
32 duties assigned or progress and achievement in an assigned treatment  
33 program. Following any final determination withholding, forfeiting, or  
34 canceling a time allowance, the incarcerated person shall have the right  
35 to take an administrative appeal to the central office of the department  
36 and shall be advised of the right to seek legal assistance in the taking  
37 of such appeal. The department shall adopt regulations in accordance  
38 with this provision.

39 (b) A person serving an indeterminate sentence of imprisonment ~~[may]~~  
40 shall receive a time allowance against the maximum term of ~~[his or her]~~  
41 their sentence ~~[not to exceed one-third]~~ of one-half of the maximum term  
42 imposed by the court.

43 (c) A person serving a determinate sentence of imprisonment ~~[may]~~  
44 shall receive a time allowance against the term of ~~[his or her]~~ their  
45 sentence ~~[not to exceed one-seventh]~~ of one-half of the term imposed by  
46 the court.

47 (d) (i) ~~[Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph,~~  
48 ~~every]~~ Every person under the custody of the department or confined in a  
49 facility in the department of mental hygiene serving an indeterminate  
50 sentence of imprisonment with a minimum period of one year or more or a  
51 determinate sentence of imprisonment of one year or more ~~[imposed pursu-~~  
52 ~~ant to section 70.70 or 70.71 of the penal law,~~ may earn a merit time  
53 allowance.

54 (ii) ~~[Such merit time allowance shall not be available to any person~~  
55 ~~serving an indeterminate sentence authorized for an A-I felony offense,~~  
56 ~~other than an A-I felony offense defined in article two hundred twenty~~

~~of the penal law, or any sentence imposed for a violent felony offense as defined in section 70.02 of the penal law, manslaughter in the second degree, vehicular manslaughter in the second degree, vehicular manslaughter in the first degree, criminally negligent homicide, an offense defined in article one hundred thirty of the penal law, incest, or an offense defined in article two hundred sixty three of the penal law, or aggravated harassment of an employee by an incarcerated individual.~~

(iii)] The merit time allowance credit against the minimum period of the indeterminate sentence shall be ~~[one-sixth]~~ one-half of the minimum period imposed by the court ~~[except that such credit shall be one-third of the minimum period imposed by the court for an A-I felony offense defined in article two hundred twenty of the penal law]~~. In the case of such a determinate sentence, in addition to the time allowance credit authorized by paragraph (c) of this subdivision, the merit time allowance credited against the term of the determinate sentence pursuant to this paragraph shall be ~~[one-seventh]~~ one-quarter of the term imposed by the court.

~~(iv)]~~ (iii) Such merit time allowance ~~[may]~~ shall be granted when an incarcerated individual successfully participates in the work and treatment program assigned pursuant to section eight hundred five of this article ~~[and]~~, including but not limited to when such incarcerated individual obtains a general equivalency diploma, an alcohol and substance abuse treatment certificate, a vocational trade certificate ~~[following at least six months of vocational programming]~~, at least eighteen credits in a program registered by the state education department from a degree-granting higher education institution or performs at least four hundred hours of service as part of a community work crew, or successfully completes one or more "significant programmatic accomplishments" as defined in paragraph (c) of subdivision one of section eight hundred three-b of this article. The commissioner may designate additional programs and achievements for which merit time shall be granted. Once granted, such allowances shall not be withheld, forfeited, or cancelled. Where the institution in which the incarcerated individual is confined does not provide opportunities for every incarcerated individual to earn merit time allowances, such merit time allowance shall be automatically credited against the incarcerated individual's sentence according to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph.

~~[Such allowance shall be withheld for any serious disciplinary infraction or upon a judicial determination that the person, while an incarcerated individual, commenced or continued a civil action, proceeding or claim that was found to be frivolous as defined in subdivision (c) of section eight thousand three hundred three-a of the civil practice law and rules, or an order of a federal court pursuant to rule 11 of the federal rules of civil procedure imposing sanctions in an action commenced by a person, while an incarcerated individual, against a state agency, officer or employee.~~

~~(v)]~~ (iv) The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to persons in custody serving ~~[an]~~ a determinate or indeterminate sentence on the effective date of this paragraph as well as to persons sentenced to ~~[an]~~ a determinate or indeterminate sentence on and after the effective date of this paragraph ~~[and prior to September first, two thousand five and to persons sentenced to a determinate sentence prior to September first, two thousand eleven for a felony as defined in article two hundred twenty or two hundred twenty-one of the penal law]~~. The time allowances set forth in this paragraph shall apply retroactively and shall be credited

1 toward every incarcerated individual's sentence within ninety days of  
2 the chapter of the laws of two thousand twenty-two that amended this  
3 paragraph.

4 2. If a person is serving more than one sentence, the authorized  
5 allowances may be granted separately against the term or maximum term of  
6 each sentence or, where consecutive sentences are involved, against the  
7 aggregate maximum term. Such allowances shall be calculated as follows:

8 (a) A person serving two or more indeterminate sentences which run  
9 concurrently ~~[may]~~ shall receive a time allowance ~~[not to exceed one-~~  
10 ~~third]~~ of one-half of the indeterminate sentence which has the longest  
11 unexpired time to run.

12 (b) A person serving two or more indeterminate sentences which run  
13 consecutively ~~[may]~~ shall receive a time allowance ~~[not to exceed one-~~  
14 ~~third]~~ of one-half of the aggregate maximum term.

15 (c) A person serving two or more determinate sentences which run  
16 concurrently ~~[may]~~ shall receive a time allowance ~~[not to exceed one-~~  
17 ~~seventh]~~ of one-half of the determinate sentence which has the longest  
18 unexpired time to run.

19 (d) A person serving two or more determinate sentences which run  
20 consecutively ~~[may]~~ shall receive a time allowance ~~[not to exceed one-~~  
21 ~~seventh]~~ of one-half of the aggregate maximum term.

22 (e) A person serving one or more indeterminate sentence and one or  
23 more determinate sentence which run concurrently ~~[may]~~ shall receive a  
24 time allowance ~~[not to exceed one-third]~~ of one-half of the indetermi-  
25 nate sentence which has the longest unexpired term to run or ~~[one-sev-~~  
26 ~~enth]~~ one-half of the determinate sentence which has the longest unex-  
27 pired time to run, whichever allowance is greater.

28 (f) A person serving one or more indeterminate sentence and one or  
29 more determinate sentence which run consecutively ~~[may]~~ shall receive a  
30 time allowance ~~[not to exceed]~~ of the sum of ~~[one-third]~~ one-half of the  
31 maximum or aggregate maximum of the indeterminate sentence or sentences  
32 and ~~[one-seventh]~~ one-half of the term or aggregate maximum of the  
33 determinate sentence or sentences.

34 2-a. If a person is serving more than one sentence, the authorized  
35 merit time allowances may be granted against the period or aggregate  
36 minimum period of the indeterminate sentence or sentences, or against  
37 the term or aggregate term of the determinate sentence or sentences, or  
38 where consecutive determinate and indeterminate sentences are involved,  
39 against the aggregate minimum period as calculated pursuant to subpara-  
40 graph (iv) of paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section 70.40 of the  
41 penal law. Such allowances shall be calculated as follows:

42 (a) A person serving two or more indeterminate sentences which run  
43 concurrently may receive a merit time allowance not to exceed ~~[one-~~  
44 ~~sixth]~~ one-half of the minimum period of the indeterminate sentence  
45 imposed ~~[for an offense other than an A-I felony offense defined in~~  
46 ~~article two hundred twenty of the penal law, or one-third of the minimum~~  
47 ~~period of the indeterminate sentence imposed for an A-I felony offense~~  
48 ~~defined in article two hundred twenty of the penal law, whichever allow-~~  
49 ~~ance results in the longest unexpired time to run]~~ by the court.

50 (b) A person serving two or more indeterminate sentences which run  
51 consecutively may receive a merit time allowance not to exceed the  
52 amount of ~~[one-third]~~ one-half of the minimum or aggregate minimum peri-  
53 od of the sentences imposed ~~[for an A-I felony offense defined in arti-~~  
54 ~~cle two hundred twenty of the penal law, plus one-sixth of the minimum~~  
55 ~~or aggregate minimum period of the sentences imposed for an offense~~  
56 ~~other than such A-I felony offense]~~ by the court.

1 (c) A person serving two or more determinate sentences [~~for an offense~~  
2 ~~defined in article two hundred twenty or two hundred twenty one of the~~  
3 ~~penal law~~] which run concurrently may receive a merit time allowance not  
4 to exceed [~~one-seventh~~] one-quarter of the term of the determinate  
5 sentence which has the longest unexpired time to run.

6 (d) A person serving two or more determinate sentences [~~for an offense~~  
7 ~~defined in article two hundred twenty or two hundred twenty one of the~~  
8 ~~penal law~~] which run consecutively may receive a merit time allowance  
9 not to exceed [~~one-seventh~~] one-quarter of the aggregate term of such  
10 determinate sentences.

11 (e) A person serving one or more indeterminate sentences and one or  
12 more determinate sentences [~~for an offense defined in article two~~  
13 ~~hundred twenty or two hundred twenty one of the penal law~~] which run  
14 concurrently may receive a merit time allowance not to exceed [~~one-~~  
15 ~~sixth~~] one-half of the minimum period of the indeterminate sentence  
16 imposed [~~for an offense other than an A-I felony offense defined in~~  
17 ~~article two hundred twenty of the penal law, one-third of the minimum~~  
18 ~~period of the indeterminate sentence imposed for an A-I felony offense~~  
19 ~~defined in article two hundred twenty of the penal law,~~] or [~~one-sev-~~  
20 ~~enth~~] one-quarter of the term of the determinate sentence, whichever  
21 allowance results in the largest unexpired time to run.

22 (f) A person serving one or more indeterminate sentences and one or  
23 more determinate sentences which run consecutively may receive a merit  
24 time allowance not to exceed the sum of [~~one-sixth~~] one-half of the  
25 minimum or aggregate minimum period of the indeterminate sentence or  
26 sentences imposed [~~for an offense other than an A-I felony offense~~  
27 ~~defined in article two hundred twenty of the penal law, one-third of the~~  
28 ~~minimum or aggregate minimum period of the indeterminate sentence or~~  
29 ~~sentences imposed for an A-I felony offense defined in article two~~  
30 ~~hundred twenty of the penal law~~] and [~~one-seventh~~] one-quarter of the  
31 term or aggregate term of the determinate sentence or sentences.

32 (g) The provisions of this subdivision shall apply to persons in  
33 custody serving [~~an~~] a determinate or indeterminate sentence on the  
34 effective date of this subdivision as well as to persons sentenced to  
35 [~~an~~] a determinate or indeterminate sentence on and after the effective  
36 date of this subdivision [~~and prior to September first, two thousand~~  
37 ~~five and to persons sentenced to a determinate sentence prior to Septem-~~  
38 ~~ber first, two thousand eleven for a felony as defined in article two~~  
39 ~~hundred twenty or two hundred twenty one of the penal law~~]. The merit  
40 time allowances set forth in this subdivision shall apply retroactively,  
41 and shall be credited toward every incarcerated individual's sentence  
42 within ninety days of the effective date of the chapter of the laws of  
43 two thousand twenty-two that amended this subdivision.

44 [~~2-b. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a person is serving more than~~  
45 ~~one indeterminate sentence, at least one of which is imposed for a class~~  
46 ~~A-I felony offense defined in article two hundred twenty of the penal~~  
47 ~~law, the authorized merit time allowance granted pursuant to paragraph~~  
48 ~~(d) of subdivision one of this section shall be calculated as follows:~~

49 (a) ~~In the event a person is serving two or more indeterminate~~  
50 ~~sentences with different minimum periods which run concurrently, the~~  
51 ~~merit time allowance shall be based upon the sentence with the longest~~  
52 ~~unexpired minimum period. If the sentence with the longest unexpired~~  
53 ~~minimum period was imposed for a class A-I felony, the merit time credit~~  
54 ~~shall be one-third of such sentence's minimum period; if such sentence~~  
55 ~~was imposed for an offense other than a class A-I felony, such merit~~  
56 ~~time credit shall be one-sixth of such sentence's minimum period.~~

~~1 Provided, however, that where the minimum period of any other concurrent  
2 indeterminate sentence is greater than such reduced minimum period, the  
3 minimum period of such other concurrent indeterminate sentence shall  
4 also be reduced but only to the extent that the minimum period of such  
5 other concurrent sentence, as so reduced, is equal to the reduced mini-  
6 mum period of such sentence with the longest unexpired minimum period to  
7 run.~~

~~8 (b) A person serving two or more indeterminate sentences with the same  
9 minimum periods which run concurrently, and no concurrent indeterminate  
10 sentence with any greater minimum period, shall have the minimum period  
11 of each such sentence reduced in the amount of one third of such minimum  
12 period if all such sentences were imposed for a class A-I felony.~~

~~13 (c) A person serving two or more indeterminate sentences that run  
14 consecutively shall have the aggregate minimum period of such sentences  
15 reduced in the amount of one third of such aggregate minimum period of  
16 the sentences imposed for a class A-I felony, plus one sixth of such  
17 aggregate minimum period of the sentences imposed for an offense other  
18 than a class A-I felony.]~~

19 3. The commissioner of corrections and community supervision shall  
20 promulgate rules and regulations for the fair and equitable granting,  
21 withholding, forfeiture, cancellation and restoration of allowances  
22 authorized by this section in accordance with the criteria herein speci-  
23 fied. Such rules and regulations shall specify procedures to ensure that  
24 similarly situated incarcerated persons are treated similarly with  
25 respect to the granting, withholding, forfeiture or cancellation of  
26 allowances, and include provisions designating the person or committee  
27 in each correctional institution delegated to make discretionary deter-  
28 minations with respect to the allowances, the books and records to be  
29 kept, and a procedure for review of the institutional determinations by  
30 the commissioner.

~~31 4. [No person shall have the right to demand or require the allowances  
32 authorized by this section. The decision of the commissioner of  
33 corrections and community supervision as to the granting, withholding,  
34 forfeiture, cancellation or restoration of such allowances shall be  
35 final and shall not be reviewable if made in accordance with law.~~

~~36 5.]~~ Time allowances granted prior to any release to community super-  
37 vision shall be forfeited and shall not be restored if the released  
38 person is returned to an institution under the jurisdiction of the state  
39 department of corrections and community supervision for violation of  
40 community supervision or by reason of a conviction for a crime committed  
41 while on community supervision. A person who is so returned may, howev-  
42 er, subsequently receive time allowances against the remaining portion  
43 of [~~his or her~~] their term, maximum term or aggregate maximum term  
44 pursuant to this section [~~and provided such remaining portion of his or  
45 her term, maximum term, or aggregate maximum term is more than one  
46 year~~].

~~47 [6.]~~ 5. Upon commencement of an indeterminate or a determinate  
48 sentence the provisions of this section shall be furnished to the person  
49 serving the sentence and the meaning of same shall be fully explained to  
50 [~~him~~] them by a person designated by the commissioner to perform such  
51 duty.

52 § 4. Section 804 of the correction law, as added by chapter 680 of the  
53 laws of 1967, subdivisions 1 and 2 as amended by chapter 145 of the laws  
54 of 1976, and subdivision 6 as amended by section 39 of subpart B of part  
55 C of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

1 § 804. Good behavior allowances against definite sentences. 1. Every  
2 person confined in an institution serving a definite sentence of impri-  
3 sonment [~~may~~] shall receive a time [~~allowances as discretionary~~  
4 ~~reductions of the term of his sentence not to exceed in the aggregate~~  
5 ~~one-third~~] allowance of one-half of the term imposed by the court. Such  
6 allowances [~~may be granted for good behavior and efficient and willing~~  
7 ~~performance of duties assigned or progress and achievement in an~~  
8 ~~assigned treatment program, and may be withheld, forfeited or cancelled~~  
9 ~~in whole or in part for bad behavior, violation of institutional rules~~  
10 ~~or failure to perform properly in the duties or program assigned~~] shall  
11 be credited toward a person's sentence on an annual pro rata basis, and  
12 any credit awarded over the course of the calendar year shall vest on  
13 the final day of the calendar year. Once vested, such credit shall not  
14 be withheld, forfeited, or canceled.

15 1-a. Time allowances that have not yet been granted toward a person's  
16 sentence may be withheld, forfeited or canceled in whole or in part for  
17 violation of institutional rules, as demonstrated at a hearing by a  
18 preponderance of the evidence. Such restrictions shall be limited to the  
19 pro rata share of credit within the calendar year that the offense is  
20 committed. If such time allowance is withheld, forfeited or canceled in  
21 whole or in part, further allowances, not to exceed one-half of the term  
22 imposed by the court, may be reinstated for good behavior and efficient  
23 and willing performance of duties assigned or progress and achievement  
24 in an assigned treatment program. Following any final determination  
25 withholding, forfeiting, or canceling a time allowance, the incarcerated  
26 person shall have the right to take an administrative appeal to the  
27 sheriff and shall be advised of the right to seek legal assistance in  
28 the taking of such appeal. The sheriff shall adopt regulations in  
29 accordance with this provision.

30 2. If a person is serving more than one sentence, the authorized  
31 allowances may be granted separately against the term of each sentence  
32 or, where consecutive sentences are involved, against the aggregate  
33 term. Allowances based upon sentences of less than one month may be  
34 granted, and in such case the maximum allowance shall be one day for  
35 every [~~three~~] two days of the sentence. In no case, however, shall the  
36 total of all allowances granted to any such person exceed [~~one-third~~]  
37 one-half of the time [~~he~~] they would be required to serve, computed  
38 without regard to this section.

39 3. [~~No person shall have the right to demand or require the allowances~~  
40 ~~authorized by this section. The decision of the sheriff, superintendent,~~  
41 ~~warden or other person in charge of the institution, or where such~~  
42 ~~institution is under the jurisdiction of a county or city department the~~  
43 ~~decision of the head of such department, as to the granting, withhold-~~  
44 ~~ing, forfeiture, cancellation or restoration of such allowances shall be~~  
45 ~~final and shall not be reviewable if made in accordance with law.~~

46 4.] A person who has earned a reduction of sentence pursuant to this  
47 section and who has been conditionally released under subdivision two of  
48 section 70.40 of the penal law shall not forfeit such reduction by  
49 reason of conduct causing [~~his~~] their return to the institution.  
50 Provided, nevertheless, that such reduction may be forfeited by reason  
51 of subsequent conduct while serving the remainder of [~~his~~] their term.

52 [~~5-~~] 4. The state commission of correction shall promulgate record  
53 keeping rules and regulations for the fair and equitable granting, with-  
54 holding, forfeiture, cancellation and restoration of allowances author-  
55 ized by this section. Such rules and regulations shall specify proce-  
56 dures to ensure that similarly situated incarcerated persons are treated

1 similarly with respect to the granting, withholding, forfeiture or  
2 cancellation of allowances.

3 [~~6-~~] 5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, in  
4 any case where a person is serving a definite sentence in an institution  
5 under the jurisdiction of the state department of corrections and commu-  
6 nity supervision, [~~subdivisions~~] subdivision three [~~and four~~] of section  
7 eight hundred three of this [~~chapter~~] article shall apply.

8 [~~7-~~] 6. Upon commencement of any definite sentence the provisions of  
9 this section shall be furnished to the person serving the sentence and  
10 the meaning of same shall be fully explained to [~~him~~] them by an officer  
11 designated in the regulation to perform such duty.

12 § 5. Section 804-a of the correction law, as added by chapter 220 of  
13 the laws of 1987, is amended to read as follows:

14 § 804-a. Good behavior allowances for certain civil commitments. 1.  
15 Every person confined in an institution serving a civil commitment for a  
16 fixed period of time, whose release is not conditional upon any act  
17 within [~~his~~] their power to perform, [~~may~~] shall receive time allowances  
18 as discretionary reductions of the term of [~~his~~] their commitment not to  
19 exceed, in the aggregate, [~~one-third~~] one-half of the term imposed by  
20 the court. Such allowances [~~may be granted for good behavior and effi-~~  
21 ~~cient and willing performance of duties assigned or progress and~~  
22 ~~achievement in an assigned treatment program, and may be withheld,~~  
23 ~~forfeited or cancelled in whole or in part for bad behavior, violation~~  
24 ~~of institutional rules or failure to perform properly in the duties or~~  
25 ~~program assigned] shall be credited toward a person's sentence on an  
26 annual pro rata basis, and any credit awarded over the course of the  
27 calendar year shall vest on the final day of the calendar year. Once  
28 vested, such credit shall not be withheld, forfeited, or canceled.~~

29 1-a. Time allowances that have not yet been granted toward a person's  
30 sentence may be withheld, forfeited or canceled in whole or in part for  
31 violation of institutional rules, as demonstrated at a hearing by a  
32 preponderance of the evidence. Such restrictions shall be limited to the  
33 pro rata share of credit within the calendar year that the offense is  
34 committed. If such time allowance is withheld, forfeited or canceled in  
35 whole or in part, further allowances, not to exceed one-half of the term  
36 imposed by the court, may be reinstated for good behavior and efficient  
37 and willing performance of duties assigned or progress and achievement  
38 in an assigned treatment program. Following any final determination  
39 withholding, forfeiting, or canceling a time allowance, the incarcerated  
40 person shall have the right to take an administrative appeal to the  
41 central office of the department and shall be advised of the right to  
42 seek legal assistance in the taking of such appeal. The department shall  
43 adopt regulations in accordance with this provision.

44 2. Allowances based upon commitments of less than one month may be  
45 granted, and in such case the maximum allowances shall be one day for  
46 every [~~three~~] two days of the commitment. In no case, however, shall the  
47 total of all allowances granted to any such person exceed [~~one-third~~]  
48 one-half of the time [~~he~~] they would be required to serve, computed  
49 without regard to this section.

50 3. [~~No person shall have the right to demand or require the allowances~~  
51 ~~authorized by this section. The decision of the sheriff, superintendent,~~  
52 ~~warden or other person in charge of the institution, or where such~~  
53 ~~institution is under the jurisdiction of a county or city department the~~  
54 ~~decision of the head of such department, as to the granting, withhold-~~  
55 ~~ing, forfeiture, cancellation, or restoration of such allowances shall~~  
56 ~~be final and shall not be reviewable if made in accordance with law.~~



1 ~~4.~~] The state commission of correction shall promulgate record keeping  
2 rules and regulations for the granting, withholding, forfeiture, cancel-  
3 lation and restoration of allowances authorized by this section.

4 ~~[5.]~~ 4. Upon commencement of any civil commitment as described in  
5 subdivision one of this section, the provisions of this section shall be  
6 furnished to the person serving the commitment and the meaning of same  
7 shall be fully explained to [~~him~~] them by an officer designated in the  
8 regulation to perform such duty.

9 § 6. Section 865 of the correction law, as added by chapter 261 of the  
10 laws of 1987, subdivisions 1 and 2 as amended by chapter 322 of the laws  
11 of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

12 § 865. Definitions. As used in this article, [~~the following terms~~  
13 ~~mean:~~

14 ~~1. "Eligible incarcerated individual" means a person sentenced to an~~  
15 ~~indeterminate term of imprisonment who will become eligible for release~~  
16 ~~on parole within three years or sentenced to a determinate term of~~  
17 ~~imprisonment who will become eligible for conditional release within~~  
18 ~~three years, who has not reached the age of fifty years, who has not~~  
19 ~~previously been convicted of a violent felony as defined in article~~  
20 ~~seventy of the penal law, or a felony in any other jurisdiction which~~  
21 ~~includes all of the essential elements of any such violent felony, upon~~  
22 ~~which an indeterminate or determinate term of imprisonment was imposed~~  
23 ~~and who was between the ages of sixteen and fifty years at the time of~~  
24 ~~commission of the crime upon which his or her present sentence was~~  
25 ~~based. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no person who is convicted of any~~  
26 ~~of the following crimes shall be deemed eligible to participate in this~~  
27 ~~program: (a) a violent felony offense as defined in article seventy of~~  
28 ~~the penal law; provided, however, that a person who is convicted of~~  
29 ~~burglary in the second degree as defined in subdivision two of section~~  
30 ~~140.25 of the penal law, or robbery in the second degree as defined in~~  
31 ~~subdivision one of section 160.10 of the penal law, or an attempt there-~~  
32 ~~of, is eligible to participate, (b) an A-I felony offense, (c) any homi-~~  
33 ~~cide offense as defined in article one hundred twenty five of the penal~~  
34 ~~law, (d) any felony sex offense as defined in article one hundred thirty~~  
35 ~~of the penal law and (e) any escape or absconding offense as defined in~~  
36 ~~article two hundred five of the penal law.~~

37 ~~2. "Shock]~~ "shock incarceration program" means a program pursuant to  
38 which eligible incarcerated individuals are selected to participate in  
39 the program and serve a period of six months in a shock incarceration  
40 facility, which shall provide rigorous physical activity, intensive  
41 regimentation and discipline and rehabilitation therapy and programming.  
42 Such incarcerated individuals may be selected either: (i) at a reception  
43 center; or (ii) at a general confinement facility [~~when the otherwise~~  
44 ~~eligible incarcerated individual then becomes eligible for release on~~  
45 ~~parole within three years in the case of an indeterminate term of impri-~~  
46 ~~sonment, or then becomes eligible for conditional release within three~~  
47 ~~years in the case of a determinate term of imprisonment].~~

48 § 7. Section 867 of the correction law, as amended by chapter 322 of  
49 the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

50 § 867. Procedure for selection of participants in shock incarceration  
51 program. 1. An [eligible] incarcerated individual may make an applica-  
52 tion to the shock incarceration screening committee for permission to  
53 participate in the shock incarceration program.

54 2. If the shock incarceration screening committee determines that an  
55 incarcerated individual's participation in the shock incarceration  
56 program is consistent with the safety of the community, the welfare of

1 the applicant and the rules and regulations of the department, the  
2 committee shall forward the application to the commissioner or [~~his~~] a  
3 designee for approval or disapproval.

4 2-a. Subdivisions one and two of this section shall apply to a judi-  
5 cially sentenced shock incarceration incarcerated individual only to the  
6 extent that the screening committee may determine whether the incarcer-  
7 ated individual has a medical or mental health condition that will  
8 render the incarcerated individual unable to successfully complete the  
9 shock incarceration program, and the facility in which the incarcerated  
10 individual will participate in such program. Notwithstanding subdivi-  
11 sion five of this section, an incarcerated individual sentenced to shock  
12 incarceration shall promptly commence participation in the program [~~when  
13 such incarcerated individual is an eligible incarcerated individual  
14 pursuant to subdivision one of section eight hundred sixty-five of this  
15 article~~].

16 3. Applicants cannot participate in the shock incarceration program  
17 unless they agree to be bound by all the terms and conditions thereof  
18 and indicate such agreement by signing the memorandum of the program  
19 immediately below a statement reading as follows:

20 "I accept the foregoing program and agree to be bound by the terms and  
21 conditions thereof. I understand that my participation in the program is  
22 a privilege that may be revoked at any time at the sole discretion of  
23 the commissioner. I understand that I must successfully complete the  
24 entire program to obtain a certificate of earned eligibility upon the  
25 completion of said program, and in the event that I do not successfully  
26 complete said program, for any reason, I will be transferred to a  
27 nonshock incarceration correctional facility to continue service of my  
28 sentence."

29 4. An incarcerated individual who has successfully completed a shock  
30 incarceration program shall be eligible to receive such a certificate of  
31 earned eligibility pursuant to section eight hundred five of this chap-  
32 ter. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an incarcerated indi-  
33 vidual sentenced to a determinate sentence of imprisonment who has  
34 successfully completed a shock incarceration program shall be eligible  
35 to receive such a certificate of earned eligibility and shall be imme-  
36 diately eligible to be conditionally released.

37 5. Participation in the shock incarceration program shall be a privi-  
38 lege. Nothing contained in this article may be construed to confer upon  
39 any incarcerated individual the right to participate or continue to  
40 participate therein.

41 § 8. Clause (B) of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (e) of subdivision 1  
42 of section 70.30 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 3 of the laws  
43 of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

44 (B) if the aggregate maximum term of the determinate sentence or  
45 sentences is less than twenty years, the defendant shall be deemed to be  
46 serving an indeterminate sentence the maximum term of which shall be  
47 deemed to be twenty years. In such instances, the minimum sentence shall  
48 be deemed to be ten years or [~~six-sevenths~~] one-half of the term or  
49 aggregate maximum term of the determinate sentence or sentences, which-  
50 ever is greater.

51 § 9. Clause (B) of subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (e) of subdivision  
52 1 of section 70.30 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 3 of the laws  
53 of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

54 (B) if the aggregate maximum term of the determinate sentence or  
55 sentences is less than thirty years, the defendant shall be deemed to be  
56 serving an indeterminate sentence the maximum term of which shall be

1 deemed to be thirty years. In such instances, the minimum sentence shall  
2 be deemed to be fifteen years or [~~six-sevenths~~ one-half of the term or  
3 aggregate maximum term of the determinate sentence or sentences, which-  
4 ever is greater.

5 § 10. Clause (B) of subparagraph (v) of paragraph (e) of subdivision 1  
6 of section 70.30 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 3 of the laws  
7 of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

8 (B) if the aggregate maximum term of the determinate sentence or  
9 sentences is less than forty years, the defendant shall be deemed to be  
10 serving an indeterminate sentence the maximum term of which shall be  
11 deemed to be forty years. In such instances, the minimum sentence shall  
12 be deemed to be twenty years or [~~six-sevenths~~ one-half of the term or  
13 aggregate maximum term of the determinate sentence or sentences, which-  
14 ever is greater.

15 § 11. Clause (B) of subparagraph (vii) of paragraph (e) of subdivision  
16 1 of section 70.30 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 3 of the laws  
17 of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

18 (B) if the aggregate maximum term of the determinate sentence or  
19 sentences is less than fifty years, the defendant shall be deemed to be  
20 serving an indeterminate sentence the maximum term of which shall be  
21 deemed to be fifty years. In such instances, the minimum sentence shall  
22 be deemed to be twenty-five years or [~~six-sevenths~~ one-half of the term  
23 or aggregate maximum term of the determinate sentence or sentences,  
24 whichever is greater.

25 § 12. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 4 of section 70.30 of the penal  
26 law, as amended by chapter 3 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as  
27 follows:

28 (b) In the case of a person serving a definite sentence, the total of  
29 such allowances shall not exceed [~~one-third~~ one-half of [~~his~~ their  
30 term or aggregate term and the allowances shall be applied as a credit  
31 against such term.

32 § 13. Subparagraphs (iii) and (iv) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 1  
33 of section 70.40 of the penal law, as amended by section 127-c of  
34 subpart B of part C of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are amended to  
35 read as follows:

36 (iii) A person who is serving one or more than one indeterminate  
37 sentence of imprisonment and one or more than one determinate sentence  
38 of imprisonment, which run concurrently may be paroled at any time after  
39 the expiration of the minimum period of imprisonment of the indetermi-  
40 nate sentence or sentences, or upon the expiration of [~~six-sevenths~~  
41 one-half of the term of imprisonment of the determinate sentence or  
42 sentences, whichever is later.

43 (iv) A person who is serving one or more than one indeterminate  
44 sentence of imprisonment and one or more than one determinate sentence  
45 of imprisonment which run consecutively may be paroled at any time after  
46 the expiration of the sum of the minimum or aggregate minimum period of  
47 the indeterminate sentence or sentences and [~~six-sevenths~~ one-half of  
48 the term or aggregate term of imprisonment of the determinate sentence  
49 or sentences.

50 § 14. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 70.40 of the penal  
51 law, as amended by section 127-d-1 of subpart B of part C of chapter 62  
52 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

53 (b) A person who is serving one or more than one indeterminate or  
54 determinate sentence of imprisonment shall, if [~~he or she so requests~~  
55 they request, be conditionally released from the institution in which  
56 [~~he or she is~~ they are confined when the total good behavior time

1 allowed to [~~him or her~~] them, pursuant to the provisions of the  
2 correction law, is equal to the unserved portion of [~~his or her~~] their  
3 term, maximum term or aggregate maximum term; provided, however, that  
4 (i) in no event shall a person serving one or more indeterminate  
5 sentence of imprisonment and one or more determinate sentence of impri-  
6 sonment which run concurrently be conditionally released until serving  
7 at least [~~six-sevenths~~] one-half of the determinate term of imprisonment  
8 which has the longest unexpired time to run and (ii) in no event shall a  
9 person be conditionally released prior to the date on which such person  
10 is first eligible for discretionary parole release. The conditions of  
11 release, including those governing post-release supervision, shall be  
12 such as may be imposed by the state board of parole in accordance with  
13 the provisions of the executive law.

14 Every person so released shall be under the supervision of the state  
15 department of corrections and community supervision for a period equal  
16 to the unserved portion of the term, maximum term, aggregate maximum  
17 term, or period of post-release supervision.

18 § 15. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
19 the amendments to section 803 of the correction law made by section  
20 three of this act shall not affect the expiration of such section and  
21 shall be deemed to expire therewith; provided, further that the amend-  
22 ments to subdivision 2-b of section 803 of the correction law made by  
23 section three of this act shall not affect the repeal of such subdivi-  
24 sion and shall be deemed repealed therewith; provided further, however,  
25 that the amendments to paragraph (e) of subdivision 1 and paragraph (b)  
26 of subdivision four of section 70.30 of the penal law made by sections  
27 eight, nine, ten, eleven, and twelve of this act shall not affect the  
28 expiration of such paragraphs and shall be deemed to expire therewith;  
29 and provided further, however, that the amendments to paragraphs (a) and  
30 (b) of subdivision 1 of section 70.40 of the penal law made by sections  
31 thirteen and fourteen of this act shall not affect the expiration of  
32 such paragraphs and shall be deemed to expire therewith.