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Introduced by M. of A. KELLES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Correction

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  
25 subdivision 2-a as added by chapter 738 of the laws of 2004, subpara-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

52 (ii) [~~Such merit time allowance shall not be available to any person~~  
53 ~~-serving an indeterminate sentence authorized for an A-I felony offense,~~  
54 ~~other than an A-I felony offense defined in article two hundred twenty~~  
55 ~~of the penal law, or any sentence imposed for a violent felony offense~~  
56 ~~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~~], 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. 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 toward every incarcerated individual's sentence within ninety days of the chapter of the laws of two thousand twenty-one that amended this paragraph.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 2-a. If a person is serving more than one sentence, the authorized  
32 merit time allowances may be granted against the period or aggregate  
33 minimum period of the indeterminate sentence or sentences, or against  
34 the term or aggregate term of the determinate sentence or sentences, or  
35 where consecutive determinate and indeterminate sentences are involved,  
36 against the aggregate minimum period as calculated pursuant to subpara-  
37 graph (iv) of paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section 70.40 of the  
38 penal law. Such allowances shall be calculated as follows:

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

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

54 (c) A person serving two or more determinate sentences [~~for an offense~~  
55 ~~defined in article two hundred twenty or two hundred twenty-one of the~~  
56 ~~penal law] which run concurrently may receive a merit time allowance not~~

1 to exceed [~~one-seventh~~] one-quarter of the term of the determinate  
2 sentence which has the longest unexpired time to run.

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

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

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

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

41 [~~2-b. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a person is serving more than~~  
42 ~~one indeterminate sentence, at least one of which is imposed for a class~~  
43 ~~A-I felony offense defined in article two hundred twenty of the penal~~  
44 ~~law, the authorized merit time allowance granted pursuant to paragraph~~  
45 ~~(d) of subdivision one of this section shall be calculated as follows:~~

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

~~1 also be reduced but only to the extent that the minimum period of such  
2 other concurrent sentence, as so reduced, is equal to the reduced mini-  
3 mum period of such sentence with the longest unexpired minimum period to  
4 run.~~

~~5 (b) A person serving two or more indeterminate sentences with the same  
6 minimum periods which run concurrently, and no concurrent indeterminate  
7 sentence with any greater minimum period, shall have the minimum period  
8 of each such sentence reduced in the amount of one third of such minimum  
9 period if all such sentences were imposed for a class A-I felony.~~

~~10 (c) A person serving two or more indeterminate sentences that run  
11 consecutively shall have the aggregate minimum period of such sentences  
12 reduced in the amount of one third of such aggregate minimum period of  
13 the sentences imposed for a class A-I felony, plus one sixth of such  
14 aggregate minimum period of the sentences imposed for an offense other  
15 than a class A-I felony.]~~

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

~~28 4. [No person shall have the right to demand or require the allowances  
29 authorized by this section. The decision of the commissioner of  
30 corrections and community supervision as to the granting, withholding,  
31 forfeiture, cancellation or restoration of such allowances shall be  
32 final and shall not be reviewable if made in accordance with law.~~

~~33 5.]~~ Time allowances granted prior to any release to community super-  
34 vision shall be forfeited and shall not be restored if the released  
35 person is returned to an institution under the jurisdiction of the state  
36 department of corrections and community supervision for violation of  
37 community supervision or by reason of a conviction for a crime committed  
38 while on community supervision. A person who is so returned may, howev-  
39 er, subsequently receive time allowances against the remaining portion  
40 of his or her term, maximum term or aggregate maximum term pursuant to  
41 this section [~~and provided such remaining portion of his or her term,  
42 maximum term, or aggregate maximum term is more than one year~~].

~~43 [6.]~~ 5. Upon commencement of an indeterminate or a determinate  
44 sentence the provisions of this section shall be furnished to the person  
45 serving the sentence and the meaning of same shall be fully explained to  
46 him by a person designated by the commissioner to perform such duty.

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

51 § 804. Good behavior allowances against definite sentences. 1. Every  
52 person confined in an institution serving a definite sentence of impri-  
53 sonment [~~may~~] shall receive a time [~~allowances as discretionary~~  
54 ~~reductions of the term of his sentence not to exceed in the aggregate~~  
55 ~~one-third~~] allowance of one-half of the term imposed by the court. Such  
56 allowances [~~may be granted for good behavior and efficient and willing~~

1 ~~performance of duties assigned or progress and achievement in an~~  
2 ~~assigned treatment program, and may be withheld, forfeited or cancelled~~  
3 ~~in whole or in part for bad behavior, violation of institutional rules~~  
4 ~~or failure to perform properly in the duties or program assigned] shall~~  
5 be credited toward a person's sentence on an annual pro rata basis, and  
6 any credit awarded over the course of the calendar year shall vest on  
7 the final day of the calendar year. Once vested, such credit shall not  
8 be withheld, forfeited, or canceled.

9 1-a. Time allowances that have not yet been granted toward a person's  
10 sentence may be withheld, forfeited or canceled in whole or in part for  
11 violation of institutional rules, as demonstrated at a hearing by a  
12 preponderance of the evidence. Such restrictions shall be limited to the  
13 pro rata share of credit within the calendar year that the offense is  
14 committed. If such time allowance is withheld, forfeited or canceled in  
15 whole or in part, further allowances, not to exceed one-half of the term  
16 imposed by the court, may be reinstated for good behavior and efficient  
17 and willing performance of duties assigned or progress and achievement  
18 in an assigned treatment program. Following any final determination  
19 withholding, forfeiting, or canceling a time allowance, the incarcerated  
20 person shall have the right to take an administrative appeal to the  
21 sheriff and shall be advised of the right to seek legal assistance in  
22 the taking of such appeal. The sheriff shall adopt regulations in  
23 accordance with this provision.

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

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

40 ~~4.]~~ A person who has earned a reduction of sentence pursuant to this  
41 section and who has been conditionally released under subdivision two of  
42 section 70.40 of the penal law shall not forfeit such reduction by  
43 reason of conduct causing his return to the institution. Provided,  
44 nevertheless, that such reduction may be forfeited by reason of subse-  
45 quent conduct while serving the remainder of his term.

46 [~~5.]~~ 4. The state commission of correction shall promulgate record  
47 keeping rules and regulations for the fair and equitable granting, with-  
48 holding, forfeiture, cancellation and restoration of allowances author-  
49 ized by this section. Such rules and regulations shall specify proce-  
50 dures to ensure that similarly situated incarcerated persons are treated  
51 similarly with respect to the granting, withholding, forfeiture or  
52 cancellation of allowances.

53 [~~6.]~~ 5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, in  
54 any case where a person is serving a definite sentence in an institution  
55 under the jurisdiction of the state department of corrections and commu-

1 nity supervision, [~~subdivisions~~] subdivision three [~~and four~~] of section  
2 eight hundred three of this chapter shall apply.

3 [~~7.~~] 6. Upon commencement of any definite sentence the provisions of  
4 this section shall be furnished to the person serving the sentence and  
5 the meaning of same shall be fully explained to him by an officer desig-  
6 nated in the regulation to perform such duty.

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

9 § 804-a. Good behavior allowances for certain civil commitments. 1.  
10 Every person confined in an institution serving a civil commitment for a  
11 fixed period of time, whose release is not conditional upon any act  
12 within his power to perform, [~~may~~] shall receive time allowances as  
13 discretionary reductions of the term of his commitment not to exceed, in  
14 the aggregate, [~~one-third~~] one-half of the term imposed by the court.  
15 Such allowances [~~may be granted for good behavior and efficient and~~  
16 ~~willing performance of duties assigned or progress and achievement in an~~  
17 ~~assigned treatment program, and may be withheld, forfeited or cancelled~~  
18 ~~in whole or in part for bad behavior, violation of institutional rules~~  
19 ~~or failure to perform properly in the duties or program assigned]~~ shall  
20 be credited toward a person's sentence on an annual pro rata basis, and  
21 any credit awarded over the course of the calendar year shall vest on  
22 the final day of the calendar year. Once vested, such credit shall not  
23 be withheld, forfeited, or canceled.

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

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

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

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

55 [~~5.~~] 4. Upon commencement of any civil commitment as described in  
56 subdivision one of this section, the provisions of this section shall be



1 furnished to the person serving the commitment and the meaning of same  
2 shall be fully explained to him by an officer designated in the regu-  
3 lation to perform such duty.

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

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

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

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

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

45 § 867. Procedure for selection of participants in shock incarceration  
46 program. 1. An [eligible] incarcerated individual may make an applica-  
47 tion to the shock incarceration screening committee for permission to  
48 participate in the shock incarceration program.

49 2. If the shock incarceration screening committee determines that an  
50 incarcerated individual's participation in the shock incarceration  
51 program is consistent with the safety of the community, the welfare of  
52 the applicant and the rules and regulations of the department, the  
53 committee shall forward the application to the commissioner or his  
54 designee for approval or disapproval.

55 2-a. Subdivisions one and two of this section shall apply to a judi-  
56 cially sentenced shock incarceration incarcerated individual only to the

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

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

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

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

32 5. Participation in the shock incarceration program shall be a privi-  
33 lege. Nothing contained in this article may be construed to confer upon  
34 any incarcerated individual the right to participate or continue to  
35 participate therein.

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

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

46 § 9. Clause (B) of subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (e) of subdivision  
47 1 of section 70.30 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 3 of the laws  
48 of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

49 (B) if the aggregate maximum term of the determinate sentence or  
50 sentences is less than thirty years, the defendant shall be deemed to be  
51 serving an indeterminate sentence the maximum term of which shall be  
52 deemed to be thirty years. In such instances, the minimum sentence shall  
53 be deemed to be fifteen years or [~~six-sevenths~~] one-half of the term or  
54 aggregate maximum term of the determinate sentence or sentences, which-  
55 ever is greater.

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

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

11 § 11. Clause (B) of subparagraph (vii) of paragraph (e) of subdivision  
12 1 of section 70.30 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 3 of the laws  
13 of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

24 (b) In the case of a person serving a definite sentence, the total of  
25 such allowances shall not exceed [~~one-third~~] one-half of his term or  
26 aggregate term and the allowances shall be applied as a credit against  
27 such term.

28 § 13. Subparagraphs (iii) and (iv) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 1  
29 of section 70.40 of the penal law, as amended by section 127-c of  
30 subpart B of part C of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to  
31 read as follows:

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

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

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

49 (b) A person who is serving one or more than one indeterminate or  
50 determinate sentence of imprisonment shall, if he or she so requests, be  
51 conditionally released from the institution in which he or she is  
52 confined when the total good behavior time allowed to him or her, pursu-  
53 ant to the provisions of the correction law, is equal to the unserved  
54 portion of his or her term, maximum term or aggregate maximum term;  
55 provided, however, that (i) in no event shall a person serving one or  
56 more indeterminate sentence of imprisonment and one or more determinate

1 sentence of imprisonment which run concurrently be conditionally  
2 released until serving at least [~~six-sevenths~~ **one-half**] of the determi-  
3 nate term of imprisonment which has the longest unexpired time to run  
4 and (ii) in no event shall a person be conditionally released prior to  
5 the date on which such person is first eligible for discretionary parole  
6 release. The conditions of release, including those governing post-re-  
7 lease supervision, shall be such as may be imposed by the state board of  
8 parole in accordance with the provisions of the executive law.

9 Every person so released shall be under the supervision of the state  
10 department of corrections and community supervision for a period equal  
11 to the unserved portion of the term, maximum term, aggregate maximum  
12 term, or period of post-release supervision.

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