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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. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 the "earned 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

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

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1 names of the department personnel on such facility's time allowance
2 committee who made such recommendation.

3 § 3. Section 803 of the correction law, as amended by chapter 3 of the
4 laws of 1995, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of subdivision 1 and subdivi-
5 sions 3, 4, and 5 as amended by section 37 of subpart B of part C of
6 chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, paragraph (d) of subdivision 1 and
7 subdivision 2-a as added by chapter 738 of the laws of 2004, subpara-
8 graph (ii) of paragraph (d) of subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 322
9 of the laws of 2021, subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (d) of subdivision 1
10 as separately amended by chapters 242 and 322 of the laws of 2021 and
11 subdivision 2-b as added by section 3 of part E of chapter 62 of the
12 laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

53 (d) (i) [~~Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph,~~
54 ~~every~~] Every person under the custody of the department or confined in a
55 facility in the department of mental hygiene serving an indeterminate
56 sentence of imprisonment with a minimum period of one year or more or a

1 determinate sentence of imprisonment of one year or more [~~imposed pursuant to section 70.70 or 70.71 of the penal law,~~] may earn a merit time
2 allowance.
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4 (ii) [~~Such merit time allowance shall not be available to any person
5 serving an indeterminate sentence authorized for an A-I felony offense,
6 other than an A-I felony offense defined in article two hundred twenty
7 of the penal law, or any sentence imposed for a violent felony offense
8 as defined in section 70.02 of the penal law, manslaughter in the second
9 degree, vehicular manslaughter in the second degree, vehicular
10 manslaughter in the first degree, criminally negligent homicide, an
11 offense defined in article one hundred thirty of the penal law, incest,
12 or an offense defined in article two hundred sixty three of the penal
13 law, or aggravated harassment of an employee by an incarcerated individ-
14 ual.~~

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

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

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

54 (v)] (iv) The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to persons in
55 custody serving [~~an~~ a determinate or] indeterminate sentence on the
56 effective date of this paragraph as well as to persons sentenced to [~~an~~]

1 a determinate or indeterminate sentence on and after the effective date
2 of this paragraph [~~and prior to September first, two thousand five and~~
3 ~~to persons sentenced to a determinate sentence prior to September first,~~
4 ~~two thousand eleven for a felony as defined in article two hundred twen-~~
5 ~~ty or two hundred twenty-one of the penal law]. The time allowances set
6 forth in this paragraph shall apply retroactively and shall be credited
7 toward every incarcerated individual's sentence within ninety days of
8 the chapter of the laws of two thousand twenty-four that amended this
9 paragraph.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 (f) A person serving one or more indeterminate sentence and one or
35 more determinate sentence which run consecutively [~~may~~] shall receive a
36 time allowance [~~not to exceed~~] of the sum of [~~one-third~~] one-half of the
37 maximum or aggregate maximum of the indeterminate sentence or sentences
38 and [~~one-seventh~~] one-half of the term or aggregate maximum of the
39 determinate sentence or sentences.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

51 [~~2-b. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a person is serving more than
52 one indeterminate sentence, at least one of which is imposed for a class
53 A-I felony offense defined in article two hundred twenty of the penal
54 law, the authorized merit time allowance granted pursuant to paragraph
55 (d) of subdivision one of this section shall be calculated as follows:~~

1 ~~(a) In the event a person is serving two or more indeterminate~~
2 ~~sentences with different minimum periods which run concurrently, the~~
3 ~~merit time allowance shall be based upon the sentence with the longest~~
4 ~~unexpired minimum period. If the sentence with the longest unexpired~~
5 ~~minimum period was imposed for a class A-I felony, the merit time credit~~
6 ~~shall be one third of such sentence's minimum period; if such sentence~~
7 ~~was imposed for an offense other than a class A-I felony, such merit~~
8 ~~time credit shall be one sixth of such sentence's minimum period.~~
9 ~~Provided, however, that where the minimum period of any other concurrent~~
10 ~~indeterminate sentence is greater than such reduced minimum period, the~~
11 ~~minimum period of such other concurrent indeterminate sentence shall~~
12 ~~also be reduced but only to the extent that the minimum period of such~~
13 ~~other concurrent sentence, as so reduced, is equal to the reduced mini-~~
14 ~~imum period of such sentence with the longest unexpired minimum period to~~
15 ~~run.~~

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

21 ~~(c) A person serving two or more indeterminate sentences that run~~
22 ~~consecutively shall have the aggregate minimum period of such sentences~~
23 ~~reduced in the amount of one third of such aggregate minimum period of~~
24 ~~the sentences imposed for a class A-I felony, plus one sixth of such~~
25 ~~aggregate minimum period of the sentences imposed for an offense other~~
26 ~~than a class A-I felony.]~~

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

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

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

55 [~~6.]~~ 5. Upon commencement of an indeterminate or a determinate
56 sentence the provisions of this section shall be furnished to the person

1 serving the sentence and the meaning of same shall be fully explained to
2 [~~him~~] them by a person designated by the commissioner to perform such
3 duty.

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

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

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

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

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

53 4.] A person who has earned a reduction of sentence pursuant to this
54 section and who has been conditionally released under subdivision two of
55 section 70.40 of the penal law shall not forfeit such reduction by
56 reason of conduct causing [~~his~~] their return to the institution.

1 Provided, nevertheless, that such reduction may be forfeited by reason
2 of subsequent conduct while serving the remainder of [~~his~~] their term.

3 [~~5-~~] 4. The state commission of correction shall promulgate record
4 keeping rules and regulations for the fair and equitable granting, with-
5 holding, forfeiture, cancellation and restoration of allowances author-
6 ized by this section. Such rules and regulations shall specify proce-
7 dures to ensure that similarly situated incarcerated persons are treated
8 similarly with respect to the granting, withholding, forfeiture or
9 cancellation of allowances.

10 [~~6-~~] 5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, in
11 any case where a person is serving a definite sentence in an institution
12 under the jurisdiction of the state department of corrections and commu-
13 nity supervision, [~~subdivisions~~] subdivision three [~~and four~~] of section
14 eight hundred three of this [~~chapter~~] article shall apply.

15 [~~7-~~] 6. Upon commencement of any definite sentence the provisions of
16 this section shall be furnished to the person serving the sentence and
17 the meaning of same shall be fully explained to [~~him~~] them by an officer
18 designated in the regulation to perform such duty.

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 [5-] 4. Upon commencement of any civil commitment as described in
12 subdivision one of this section, the provisions of this section shall be
13 furnished to the person serving the commitment and the meaning of same
14 shall be fully explained to [him] them by an officer designated in the
15 regulation to perform such duty.

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

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

21 1. ~~"Eligible incarcerated individual" means a person sentenced to an~~
22 ~~indeterminate term of imprisonment who will become eligible for release~~
23 ~~on parole within three years or sentenced to a determinate term of~~
24 ~~imprisonment who will become eligible for conditional release within~~
25 ~~three years, who has not reached the age of fifty years, who has not~~
26 ~~previously been convicted of a violent felony as defined in article~~
27 ~~seventy of the penal law, or a felony in any other jurisdiction which~~
28 ~~includes all of the essential elements of any such violent felony, upon~~
29 ~~which an indeterminate or determinate term of imprisonment was imposed~~
30 ~~and who was between the ages of sixteen and fifty years at the time of~~
31 ~~commission of the crime upon which his or her present sentence was~~
32 ~~based. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no person who is convicted of any~~
33 ~~of the following crimes shall be deemed eligible to participate in this~~
34 ~~program: (a) a violent felony offense as defined in article seventy of~~
35 ~~the penal law; provided, however, that a person who is convicted of~~
36 ~~burglary in the second degree as defined in subdivision two of section~~
37 ~~140.25 of the penal law, or robbery in the second degree as defined in~~
38 ~~subdivision one of section 160.10 of the penal law, or an attempt there-~~
39 ~~of, is eligible to participate, (b) an A-I felony offense, (c) any homi-~~
40 ~~cide offense as defined in article one hundred twenty-five of the penal~~
41 ~~law, (d) any felony sex offense as defined in article one hundred thirty~~
42 ~~of the penal law and (e) any escape or absconding offense as defined in~~
43 ~~article two hundred five of the penal law.~~

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

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

1 § 867. Procedure for selection of participants in shock incarceration
2 program. 1. An [~~eligible~~] incarcerated individual may make an applica-
3 tion to the shock incarceration screening committee for permission to
4 participate in the shock incarceration program.

5 2. If the shock incarceration screening committee determines that an
6 incarcerated individual's participation in the shock incarceration
7 program is consistent with the safety of the community, the welfare of
8 the applicant and the rules and regulations of the department, the
9 committee shall forward the application to the commissioner or [~~his~~] a
10 designee for approval or disapproval.

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

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

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

36 4. An incarcerated individual who has successfully completed a shock
37 incarceration program shall be eligible to receive such a certificate of
38 earned eligibility pursuant to section eight hundred five of this chap-
39 ter. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an incarcerated indi-
40 vidual sentenced to a determinate sentence of imprisonment who has
41 successfully completed a shock incarceration program shall be eligible
42 to receive such a certificate of earned eligibility and shall be imme-
43 diately eligible to be conditionally released.

44 5. Participation in the shock incarceration program shall be a privi-
45 lege. Nothing contained in this article may be construed to confer upon
46 any incarcerated individual the right to participate or continue to
47 participate therein.

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

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

1 aggregate maximum term of the determinate sentence or sentences, which-
2 ever is greater.

3 § 9. Clause (B) of subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (e) of subdivision
4 1 of section 70.30 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 3 of the laws
5 of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

23 § 11. Clause (B) of subparagraph (vii) of paragraph (e) of subdivision
24 1 of section 70.30 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 3 of the laws
25 of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

26 (B) if the aggregate maximum term of the determinate sentence or
27 sentences is less than fifty years, the defendant shall be deemed to be
28 serving an indeterminate sentence the maximum term of which shall be
29 deemed to be fifty years. In such instances, the minimum sentence shall
30 be deemed to be twenty-five years or [~~six-sevenths~~] one-half of the term
31 or aggregate maximum term of the determinate sentence or sentences,
32 whichever is greater.

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

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

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

44 (iii) A person who is serving one or more than one indeterminate
45 sentence of imprisonment and one or more than one determinate sentence
46 of imprisonment, which run concurrently may be paroled at any time after
47 the expiration of the minimum period of imprisonment of the indetermi-
48 nate sentence or sentences, or upon the expiration of [~~six-sevenths~~]
49 one-half of the term of imprisonment of the determinate sentence or
50 sentences, whichever is later.

51 (iv) A person who is serving one or more than one indeterminate
52 sentence of imprisonment and one or more than one determinate sentence
53 of imprisonment which run consecutively may be paroled at any time after
54 the expiration of the sum of the minimum or aggregate minimum period of
55 the indeterminate sentence or sentences and [~~six-sevenths~~] one-half of

1 the term or aggregate term of imprisonment of the determinate sentence
2 or sentences.

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

6 (b) A person who is serving one or more than one indeterminate or
7 determinate sentence of imprisonment shall, if [~~he or she so requests~~]
8 they request, be conditionally released from the institution in which
9 [~~he or she is~~] they are confined when the total good behavior time
10 allowed to [~~him or her~~] them, pursuant to the provisions of the
11 correction law, is equal to the unserved portion of [~~his or her~~] their
12 term, maximum term or aggregate maximum term; provided, however, that
13 (i) in no event shall a person serving one or more indeterminate
14 sentence of imprisonment and one or more determinate sentence of impri-
15 sonment which run concurrently be conditionally released until serving
16 at least [~~six-sevenths~~] one-half of the determinate term of imprisonment
17 which has the longest unexpired time to run and (ii) in no event shall a
18 person be conditionally released prior to the date on which such person
19 is first eligible for discretionary parole release. The conditions of
20 release, including those governing post-release supervision, shall be
21 such as may be imposed by the state board of parole in accordance with
22 the provisions of the executive law.

23 Every person so released shall be under the supervision of the state
24 department of corrections and community supervision for a period equal
25 to the unserved portion of the term, maximum term, aggregate maximum
26 term, or period of post-release supervision.

27 § 15. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
28 the amendments to section 803 of the correction law made by section
29 three of this act shall not affect the expiration of such section and
30 shall be deemed to expire therewith; provided, further that the amend-
31 ments to subdivision 2-b of section 803 of the correction law made by
32 section three of this act shall not affect the repeal of such subdivi-
33 sion and shall be deemed repealed therewith; provided further, however,
34 that the amendments to paragraph (e) of subdivision 1 of section 70.30
35 of the penal law made by sections eight, nine, ten and eleven of this
36 act shall not affect the expiration of such paragraph and shall be
37 deemed to expire therewith; provided further, however, that the amend-
38 ments to paragraph (b) of subdivision 4 of section 70.30 of the penal
39 law made by section twelve of this act shall not affect the expiration
40 of such subdivision and shall expire therewith; and provided further,
41 however, that the amendments to paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdivision 1
42 of section 70.40 of the penal law made by sections thirteen and fourteen
43 of this act shall not affect the expiration of such paragraphs and shall
44 be deemed to expire therewith.