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## **HB 2055: probation; work time credits; reporting.**

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**House Engrossed**

### **Overview**

Allows a court to consider *work time credit* as a basis to adjust a probationer's supervised probation period. Specifies a process for a probationer to report to a probation officer. Contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2024.

### **History**

Current law allows a court to suspend a convicted person's sentence and place the person on a period of probation. A court may also terminate probation early under certain circumstances ([A.R.S. § 13-901](#)).

Statute authorizes a court to consider *earned time credit* as a basis to adjust a probationer's supervised probation period if recommended by an adult probation officer. *Earned time credit* equals 20 days for every 30 days that a probationer exhibits positive progression toward the probationer's case plan and is current on certain monetary and nonmonetary obligations. An adjustment for *earned time credit* does not apply to a probationer who is:

- 1) On lifetime probation;
- 2) On probation for any class 2 or 3 felony;
- 3) On probation exclusively for a misdemeanor offense; or
- 4) Required to register as a sex offender.

A court must revoke *earned time credit* awarded to a probationer if the probationer violates probation conditions ([A.R.S. § 13-924](#)).

### **Provisions**

1. Adds *work time credit* as a basis for a court to adjust a probationer's supervised probation period if recommended by an adult probation officer. (Sec. 2)
2. Specifies that *work time credit* equals 30 days for every 30 days provided that a probationer does all the following:
  - a) Is engaged in eligible employment and has been verified by the probation officer through supporting documentation or through site visits or telephonic verification;
  - b) Exhibits positive progression toward the goals and treatment of the probationer's case plan;
  - c) Is current on all court-ordered restitution payments and in completing community restitution; and
  - d) Is in compliance with all other nonmonetary obligations. (Sec. 2)
3. Requires a probationer to provide supporting documentation to a supervising probation officer within 5 business days after completing 30 days of eligible employment. (Sec. 2)

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4. Instructs a supervising probation officer to verify a probationer's employment and document any denied request for *work time credit*. (Sec. 2)
5. Requires that awarded *work time credit* be revoked if a probationer violates probation conditions. (Sec. 2)
6. Defines *eligible employment* and *supporting documentation*. (Sec. 2)
7. Allows a court to require a probationer to report to a probation officer. (Sec. 1)
8. Authorizes a probation officer to allow a probationer to fulfill a reporting requirement remotely. (Sec. 1)
9. Requires a probation officer to consider and accommodate the following factors, before setting the probationer's reporting requirements:
  - a) The probationer's work schedule;
  - b) Substance abuse treatment or recovery;
  - c) Mental health treatment;
  - d) Transportation availability;
  - e) Family caregiver obligations; and
  - f) Medical care requirements. (Sec. 1)
10. Entitles this act as the "Earning Safe Reentry Through Work Act of 2023." (Sec. 4)
11. Contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2024. (Sec. 3)
12. Makes technical and conforming changes. (Sec. 1, 2)

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