pate in family and selected community, religious, educational, social, civic, and recreational activities when it is determined that the participation will directly facilitate the release transition from institution to community. The department of corrections shall provide a copy of the work release plan and a copy of any restitution plan of payment to the judicial district department of correctional services quartering and supervising the inmate.

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CHAPTER 131
REDUCTION OF CRIMINAL SENTENCES FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR
H.F. 226

AN ACT relating to computation of time by which criminal sentences may be reduced for good behavior and providing for limited retroactive applicability.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1.   Section 901.8, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:
901.8 CONSECUTIVE SENTENCES.
If a person is sentenced for two or more separate offenses, the sentencing judge may order the second or further sentence to begin at the expiration of the first or succeeding sentence. If a person is sentenced for escape under section 719.4 or for a crime committed while confined in a detention facility or penal institution, the sentencing judge shall order the sentence to begin at the expiration of any existing sentence. If the person is presently in the custody of the director of the Iowa department of corrections, the sentence shall be served at the facility or institution in which the person is already confined unless the person is transferred by the director. If Except as otherwise provided in section 903A.7, if consecutive sentences are specified in the order of commitment, the several terms shall be construed as one continuous term of imprisonment.

Sec. 2.   Section 903A.2, Code 1997, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
903A.2 GOOD TIME.
1. Each inmate committed to the custody of the director of the department of corrections is eligible for a reduction of sentence for good behavior in the manner provided in this section. For purposes of calculating the amount of time by which an inmate's sentence may be reduced, inmates shall be grouped into the following two sentencing categories:
a. Category "A" sentences are those sentences which are not subject to a maximum accumulation of good time of fifteen percent of the total sentence of confinement under section 902.12. To the extent provided in subsection 5, category "A" sentences also include life sentences imposed under section 902.1. An inmate of an institution under the control of the department of corrections who is serving a category "A" sentence is eligible for a reduction of sentence equal to one day for each day of good conduct while committed to one of the department's institutions. In addition, each inmate who is serving a category "A" sentence is eligible for an additional reduction of up to five days per month if the inmate participates satisfactorily in any of the following activities:
(1) Employment in the institution.
(2) Iowa state industries.
(3) An employment program established by the director.

(4) A treatment program established by the director.

(5) An inmate educational program approved by the director.

b. Category "B" sentences are those sentences which are subject to a maximum accumulation of good time of fifteen percent of the total sentence of confinement under section 902.12. An inmate of an institution under the control of the department of corrections who is serving a category "B" sentence is eligible for a reduction of sentence equal to fifteen eighty-fifths of a day for each day of good conduct by the inmate.

2. Good time earned pursuant to this section may be forfeited in the manner prescribed in section 903A.3.

3. Time served in a jail or another facility prior to actual placement in an institution under the control of the department of corrections and credited against the sentence by the court shall accrue for the purpose of reduction of sentence under this section. Time which elapses during an escape shall not accrue for purposes of reduction of sentence under this section.

4. Time which elapses between the date on which a person is incarcerated, based upon a determination of the board of parole that a violation of parole has occurred, and the date on which the violation of parole was committed shall not accrue for purposes of reduction of sentence under this section.

5. Good time accrued by inmates serving life sentences imposed under section 902.1 shall not reduce the life sentence, but shall be credited against the inmate's sentence if the life sentence is commuted to a term of years under section 902.2.

Sec. 3.   Section 903A.7, Code 1997, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

903A.7 SEPARATE SENTENCES.

Consecutive multiple sentences that are within the same category under section 903A.2 shall be construed as one continuous sentence for purposes of calculating reductions of sentence for good time. If a person is sentenced to serve sentences of both categories, category "B" sentences shall be served before category "A" sentences are served, and good time earned against the category "B" sentences shall not be used to reduce the category "A" sentences. If an inmate serving a category "A" sentence is sentenced to serve a category "B" sentence, the category "A" sentence shall be interrupted, and no further good time shall accrue against that sentence until the category "B" sentence is completed.

Sec. 4.   RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This Act shall apply retroactively to the computation of reductions in criminal sentences for good behavior for persons sentenced to category "B" sentences on or after July 1, 1996.

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CHAPTER 132
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION — EMPLOYEES OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT FIRMS
H.F. 236

AN ACT relating to eligibility for unemployment compensation benefits for temporary employees of a temporary employment firm.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1.   Section 96.5, subsection 1, Code 1997, is amended by adding the following new paragraph: