

HOUSE BILL 86 – SENTENCING REFORM

- BECAME LAW SEPTEMBER 30, 2011.

EARNED CREDIT

- EXPANDED EARNED CREDIT FOR THOSE SENTENCED AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 FROM 1 TO 5 DAYS.
- MAXIMUM CREDIT IS CAPPED AT 8%.
- ALL SEX OFFENDERS ARE EXCLUDING FROM RECEIVING EARNED CREDIT.

80% RECOMMENDATION FOR RELEASE

- ALLOWS THE DIRECTOR TO RECOMMEND THAT THE SENTENCING COURT CONSIDER JUDICIAL RELEASE OF AN INMATE WHO HAS SERVED AT LEAST 80% OF HIS/HER SENTENCE.
- STATED PRISON TERM MUST BE 1 YEAR OR MORE.
- EXCLUDES OFFENSES INVOLVING GUNS, SEXUALLY ORIENTED OFFENSES AND REPEAT VIOLENT OFFENDERS.
- INMATES MUST MEET BOTH THE STATUTORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION.
- DRC PLANS TO BEGIN THIS RECOMMENDATION PROCESS BY JANUARY 2013.

DRC CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT AND EMPLOYABILITY

- ALLOWS DRC OFFENDERS WHO COMPLETE CERTAIN PROGRAMMING REQUIREMENTS AND A MINIMUM OF 120 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT AND EMPLOYABILITY (CAE).
- THESE CERTIFICATES CAN BE USED BY THE OFFENDER UPON RELEASE FROM PRISON OR SUPERVISION TO OBTAIN RELIEF FROM EMPLOYMENT BARRIERS THAT WOULD AFFECT A POTENTIAL JOB FOR WHICH HE/SHE TRAINED FOR WHILE INCARCERATED.
- GIVES EMPLOYERS IMMUNITY FROM NEGLIGENT HIRING OF EX-OFFENDERS.