

House Bill 284

House Bill 284 added a section to KRS 439.250 to 439.560 Effective date July 15th 2020

- **Allows any supervised individual on probation, probation with an alternative sentence, or conditional discharge to receive sentencing credit under the following three types of completions.**
 - Probation credit also includes inactive, those KY cases supervised out of State and Shock Probation (note shock probation will lose any credit gained while incarcerated, this group will start to gain credit once release to supervision)

All individuals currently on supervision in one of the categories above shall be able to earn credits **beginning the 1st day of the first month beginning July 15th 2020** (credit is earned 8/1/2020 forward)

1. Completion of Education

- **Successfully, receiving a High School Equivalency Diploma or high school, a college diploma, college degree, a completed vocational or technical education program or correspondence postsecondary education program which results in a diploma or degree.**
- Upon approval the individual will receive **90 days per diploma, degree, vocational or technical education** program completed.

2. Completion of a Reentry or Treatment Program

- **Successfully, completing a drug treatment program**, evidence based program or promising practice or life skills program approved by the Division of Reentry or Division of Addiction Services.
- Upon completion of approved program the individual will receive an amount of no more than **90 days for each program completed.** Individual can complete multiple programs as long as they are approved.

3. Work-for-time credit

- **Work for time credit can be applied for any public employment** at the same rate as defined in KRS 197.047. The offender shall receive **one (1) sentence credit for every eight (8) hours of employment worked.** For every five (5) sentence credits earned, one (1) day shall be deducted from the maximum expiration date unless the officer determines the work is not supported, accurately reported, or other similar reason.

Application of Credits Earned

- A. The receiving state will need to notify the sending state (KY) via progress report of one of the three types of completions so a review of sentencing credits can be completed.
- B. The credits earned will reduce the probation time and recalculate the end date accordingly.

- C. **90 days prior to the new calculated end date** the supervising officer with the approval of the District Supervisor will submit a **special to the sentencing court, Judge.**
- D. The sentencing court / Judge will have the opportunity to grant the application of the sentencing credits or object.