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Honorable Chris Raff
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RE: Opinion Request

Dear Mr. Raff:

This is in response to a request from your deputy concerning the following:

Whether a county sheriff may reduce court-imposed sentences of inmates in a county jail through the use of meritorious good time?

The answer to this question is clearly yes. Ark. Stat. ann. §§46-424 - 428 (Supp. 1985) give sheriffs the authority to promulgate regulations and rules to be approved by the quorum court concerning meritorious good time for county inmates. I would refer you to these statutes to answer any questions that you might have regarding the specifics of how such a system would work. This opinion of which I hereby approve was prepared by Assistant Attorney General Joel Huggins.

Sincerely,


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