1. **AUTHORITY:**

 The authority to promulgate this administrative rule is vested in A.C.A. § 12-27-105.

**II. PURPOSE:**

 To establish the Earned Release Credits Committee in accordance with Arkansas Law.

**III. APPLICABILITY:**

 The Arkansas Department of Corrections (DOC).

**IV. POLICY:**

It shall be the policy of the Board of Corrections to establish an Earned Release Credits Committee.

**V. DEFINITIONS:**

1. Earned Release Credits (ERC). Credits accrued by an inmate which can be used to reduce the period of confinement, but not the length of sentence, if awarded by the Post Prison Transfer Board.
2. Earned Release Credits Committee. A committee established by the Board of Corrections to develop guidelines by which inmates may accrue Earned Release Credits as defined by A.C.A. § 12-29-703.

**VI. PROCEDURES FOR ERC COMMITTEE:**

1. The committee shall meet as directed by the Board of Corrections, but no less than quarterly, to determine the rate at which credits may be accrued for work practices, job responsibilities, good behavior, and involvement in rehabilitative activities; or whenever a new program becomes active, to determine the amount of ERC to be accrued for program completion.

 B. The committee shall consist of seven (7) members who shall select a chairperson at the first meeting and annually thereafter.

 1. One (1) representative shall be selected by the Secretary, upon recommendation of Wardens and Supervisors of various units, facilities or centers of the divisions of the Department of Corrections, to represent the interests of the Post-Prison Transfer Board.

 2. One (1) representative shall be selected by the Compliance Administrator, upon recommendation of Wardens and Supervisors of various units, facilities or centers of the divisions of the Department of Corrections, to represent the interests of the Board of Corrections.

 3. One (1) representative shall be selected by the Secretary, upon recommendation of Wardens and Supervisors of various units, facilities or centers of the divisions of the Department of Corrections, to represent the legal section of the Department of Corrections.

 4. One (1) representative shall be selected by the Secretary, upon recommendation of Wardens and Supervisors of various units, facilities or centers of the divisions of the Department of Corrections, to represent the quality improvement section of the Department of Corrections.

 5. One (1) representative shall be selected by the Director of the Division of Community Correction, upon recommendation of Wardens and Supervisors of various units, facilities or centers of the divisions of the Department of Corrections, to represent the interests of the Division of Community Correction.

 6. Two (2) representatives shall be selected by the Director of the Division of Correction, upon recommendation of Wardens and Supervisors of various units, facilities or centers of the divisions of the Department of Corrections, to represent the interests of the Division of Correction.

**VIII. REFERENCES:**

 A.C.A. § 12-29-703.