

## 1.4.B.5 Withholding Good Time Pursuant to SDCL § 24-2-18

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### II Policy:

The Secretary of Corrections may hold hearings upon recommendation by the Warden that an inmate's statutory time for good conduct be withheld, in full or in part, pursuant to SDCL § 24-2-18. Inmates who committed a sex crime, as defined in SDCL § 22-24B-1, on or after July 1, 1995, are subject to good time loss for failure to fully cooperate with all treatment offered. Inmates who committed a sex crime, as defined in SDCL § 22-24B-1, on or after July 1, 1993, are subject to good time loss for conduct evincing an intent to reoffend or commit further offenses when discharged.

### III Definitions:

#### **Good Conduct Time:**

Graduated scale of reductions from sentence for good conduct, applicable to select inmates per SDCL § 24-5-1.

#### **Old System:**

Inmates sentenced to the South Dakota prison system as a result of an offense committed prior to July 1, 1996.

#### **Sex Offender:**

An inmate convicted of a sex crime as defined within SDCL § 22-24B-1.

#### **Sex Offender Management Program (SOMP):**

Sex Offender Management Program operated by the DOC. This includes assessments, psychosexual screens, STOP programming, psychosexual reports, community release planning, assistance in community supervision, development and promotion of a community treatment provider network, and sex offender community treatment and supervision standards.

#### **Special Treatment of Perpetrators (STOP) Program:**

Special Treatment of Perpetrators (STOP) is a sex offender treatment program operated through the DOC. The STOP program consists of therapy, educational treatment and relapse prevention.

## IV Procedures:

### 1. Reporting Procedures:

- A. SOMP staff will provide a report to the respective Warden or his/her designee, when an inmate convicted of a sex crime (See SDCL § [22-24B-1](#)) between June 30, 1995 and July 1, 1996 fails to fully cooperate with all treatment offered; including but not limited to participation in sex offender treatment; or when the inmate is terminated from the DOC sex offender treatment program.
  1. If the inmate chooses not to cooperate with all recommended treatment, a Program Refusal form and narrative report from SOMP staff will be forwarded to the respective Warden (See DOC policy 1.4.A.3 [Sex Offender Management Program](#)).
  2. SOMP staff will document the report on the STOP screen in the Comprehensive Offender Management System (COMS).
- B. DOC staff will provide a report to the respective Warden or his/her designee when an inmate convicted of a sex crime between June 30, 1993 and July 1, 1996 evinces an intent to reoffend or commit further offenses when discharged from custody.

### 2. Recommendation to Withhold Good Conduct Time:

- A. In accordance with SDCL § [24-2-18](#), the Warden may make a written recommendation to the Secretary of Corrections prior to the discharge of any inmate meeting the criteria stated in Section 1, that the inmate's statutory time granted for good conduct, pursuant to SDCL § [24-5-1](#), be withheld, in full or in part.
- B. The Warden's written recommendation will be submitted to the Secretary of Corrections at least thirty (30) days prior to an inmate's scheduled good time release/discharge date.

### 3. Scheduling the Hearing:

- A. Upon receipt of the Warden's recommendation, the Secretary of Corrections will support or reject the recommendation.
  1. If the Warden's recommendation is supported, the Secretary will arrange for the inmate to be notified of the time and place set for the hearing.
  2. If the Warden's recommendation is not supported by the Secretary, a hearing will not be scheduled. The Secretary will notify the Warden of his/her decision.

### 4. Rights of the Inmate:

- A. An inmate scheduled for a hearing before the Secretary of Corrections for consideration of withholding of good time, pursuant to SDCL § [24-2-18](#), will be afforded the following rights:
  1. Written notice of the reason(s) for referral and notification of the time and place set for the hearing at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the scheduled hearing.
  2. Disclosure of adverse evidence.
  3. A copy of SDCL § [24-2-18](#) and of this policy.

4. Opportunity to attend the hearing and be heard. The inmate is responsible for presenting witnesses and documentary evidence on their behalf.
  5. Opportunity to ask questions of witnesses and be informed of all relevant documents or evidence not deemed confidential. Information that has been held from the inmate as confidential may be used without disclosing the source.
  6. All relevant, non-repetitious evidence will be allowed.
  7. The inmate must present his/her own case unless he/she retains private legal counsel. Retention of legal counsel will be arranged by the inmate and at the inmate's own expense.
- B. Designated DOC staff will ensure the inmate is provided notice of the hearing and other documents he/she is entitled to, in advance of the scheduled hearing.

## **5. Conduct of the Hearing:**

- A. The Secretary of Corrections and designated DOC staff, typically the Disciplinary Hearing Officer and the inmate's Unit Manager, will conduct the hearing, which will include:
1. Advisement to the inmate about the purpose of the hearing.
  2. Review of the rights afforded to the inmate to ensure compliance with this policy.
  3. Presentation of adverse documents, evidence and witness testimony.
  4. Allowing the inmate to confront and question adverse witnesses.
  5. Taking statements from the inmate and allowing for questions.
  6. Allowing the inmate to present documentary evidence on his/her own behalf, present witnesses and allowing for witness testimony.
  7. Deliberation.
- B. The hearing may be held electronically.
1. If an inmate persists in exhibiting unacceptable behavior, refuses to cooperate or refuses to participate in the hearing in a reasonable manner, after being warned such behavior will cause him/her to be excluded from the hearing, the inmate will be excluded from the hearing. The hearing may be delayed, or the inmate's actions will be documented and the hearing will proceed.
- C. The Secretary of Corrections may require the participation of staff that can provide information relating to the matter at hand; e.g. SOMP staff, Warden, Policy and Compliance Manager and/or Special Investigations Unit staff.
- D. The hearing will be recorded. The recording of the proceedings and supporting documents presented at the hearing will be maintained by Central Records for a minimum of three (3) years following the inmate's discharge date.

## 6. Issuance of a Written Ruling:

- A. The Secretary of Corrections will consider all evidence presented and determine if the inmate's good conduct time will be withheld, and if so, the amount of good conduct time to be withheld.
- B. The inmate, Warden and Central Records staff (only if good time is withheld), will be provided a written statement of the Secretary's decision.
- C. In accordance with SDCL § 24-2-18, the decision of the Secretary is final.

## 7. Return of Good Conduct Time Withheld Pursuant to SDCL 24-2-18:

- A. An inmate requesting the return of good conduct time withheld pursuant to SDCL § 24-2-18 must submit a written request to the Secretary of Corrections (See DOC policy 1.3.C.6 *Restoration of Good Conduct Time Forfeited Pursuant to SDCL 24-2-12*).
  1. An inmate may only request the return of good conduct time withheld pursuant to SDCL § 24-2-18 one (1) time per calendar year.
  2. No inmate is automatically entitled to the return of good conduct time withheld upon completion of all required treatment.
  3. A parolee's good time that is ordered forfeited or reduced by the Parole Board (See SDCL § 24-15-24) may not be returned unless ordered by the Board.
- B. The Secretary of Corrections may contact SOMP staff, Warden and/or others for a written status report on the inmate's completion of all treatment offered.
  1. The staff will submit a written status report to the Secretary within five (5) days.
- C. The Secretary of Corrections will review the inmate's request and may approve, deny or modify the request for return of good time withheld.
  1. A copy of the Secretary's decision will be sent to the inmate, Warden, SOMP staff and if any amount of good time is returned, to the Central Records Administrator. Central Records staff will adjust the inmate's sentence dates in COMS.
  2. The decision of the Secretary of Corrections is final.

## V Related Directives:

SDCL §§ 22-24B-1, 24-2-18, 24-5-1 and 24-15-24.

DOC policy 1.3.C.6 – *Restoration of Good Conduct Time Forfeited Pursuant to SDCL 24-2-12*

DOC policy 1.4.A.3 – *Sex Offender Management Program*

## VI Revision Log:

**Removed** revision history October 2002 – August 2010.

**July 2012:** **Deleted** "Working Day" from definitions. **Deleted** "participate in sex offender treatment" and **Replaced** with "Fully cooperate with all treatment offered" in Policy section.

**Added** definition of Good Conduct Time. **Deleted** "refuses to participate in sex offender treatment" and **Replaced** with "fails to fully cooperate with all treatment offered, included but not limited to participate in sex offender treatment" in Section 1 A. **Deleted** "refusal or termination

form” and **Replaced** with “program refusal form” in Section 1 A. 1. **Deleted** “reasons outlined” and **Replaced** with “conduct evincing an intent to reoffend or commit further offenses when discharged or for any inmate convicted of a sex crime who fails to fully cooperate with all treatment offered” in Section 2 A. **Added** “or is unavailable” to Section 4 A. 6 a. **Added** c. to Section 4 A. 6. **Deleted** “DOC Policy and Compliance Manager and **Replaced** with “full time staff member” **Added** “documentary evidence on his/her own behalf” to Section 5 A. 6. **Added** “thereby waiving their right to appear” in Section 5 B. **Deleted** “conclude that the inmate will or will not have good conduct time withheld and set” and **Replaced** with “consider all evidence presented and determine if an inmate’s good conduct time will be withheld, as if so,” in Section 6 A. **Added** “Withheld Pursuant to SDCL 24-2-18 to title of Section 7. **Added** B. C. D. to Section 7. **Deleted** “participation in the STOP program, an inmate must have successfully completed the requirements of STOP” and **Replaced** with “fully cooperate with all treatment offered, the inmate must have successfully completed all required treatment, including but not limited to STOP programming” in Section 8 A. 1. **Deleted** “three (3) working days and **Replaced** with “five days” in Section 8 B. **Deleted** “working” in Section 8 C. **Added** “after receiving all information and reports requested” in Section 9. A. **Added** “Central Records staff will adjust the inmate’s sentence dates” in Section 9 A. 2. **Removed** reference to “working days” throughout the policy and **Replaced** with “days”.

**June 2013:** **Added** definition of “Sex Offender”. **Deleted** “notify” and **Replaced** with “provide a report to” in Section 1 A. and B. **Deleted** “sex offender” and **Replaced** with “an inmate convicted of a sex crime between June 30, 1995 and July 1, 1996” in Section 1 A. **Deleted** “signed by the sex offender” in Section 1 A. 1. **Deleted** “track and review reports of all sex offenders who have failed to fully cooperate with all sex offender treatment” and **Replaced** with “document the report on the STOP screen in COMS” in Section 1 A. 2. **Deleted** “they become aware of information indicating or support an inmate’s conduct” and **Replaced** with “an inmate convicted of a sex crime between June 30, 1993 and July 1 1996” in Section 1 B. **Added** “prior to the discharge of any inmate meeting the criteria stated in Section 1” in Section 2 A. **Added** “either support or reject the recommendation” in Section 3 A. **Added** “the inmate to be notified of the” and **Deleted** “to conduct” and **Replaced** with “set for” in Section 3 A. 1. **Added** “If the recommendation is not supported” and **Deleted** “if the SOC rejects the recommendation from the Warden to withhold an inmate’s good time” and **Added** “The Secretary will notify the Warden of his/her decision” in Section 3 A. 2. **Deleted** “referred to the” and **Replaced** with “scheduled for a hearing before the” in Section 4 A. **Deleted** “and hearing at” and **Replaced** with “and notification of the time and place set for the hearing” in Section 4 A. 1. **Deleted** “in person” and **Added** “the inmate is responsible for presenting their” in Section 4 A. 4. **Deleted** “confront” and **Replaced** with “ask questions of” and **Deleted** “This right may be denied if the SOC or designee finds good cause for not allowing the inmate to confront and question adverse witnesses” and **Replaced** with “and may be informed of all relevant documents or evidence that is not confidential. Information that has been held from the inmate as confidential may be used without disclosing the source. All relevant non-repetitious evidence will be allowed” in Section 4 A. 5. **Deleted** “The services of a full-time staff member (if so requested by the inmate) to assist with the hearing” and **Replaced** with “The inmate must present his/her own case unless her/she retains private legal counsel at his/her own expense” in Section 4 A. 6. **Deleted** a-c referencing duties of staff member. **Added** Designated staff member and **Added** “in advance of the scheduled hearing” in Section 4 B. **Added** “and/or designated DOC staff” to Section 5 A. **Deleted** “without the inmate’s presence” in Section 5 B. 2. Combined E. with D. in Section 5. **Deleted** “and reasons supporting the ruling” in Section 6 B. **Deleted** “his/her respective Warden” and **Replaced** with “Secretary of Corrections” in Section 7 A. **Deleted** B. “The warden will approve or deny the request” in Section 7. **Deleted** C. “If the request is denied, the Warden will notify the inmate in writing within 10 days” in Section 7. **Deleted** 1. “An inmate has 30 days to initiate the AR procedure upon receiving notice of the Warden’s decision to deny the request for restoration of good time” in Section 7 C. **Deleted** D. “If the warden approves the return of good conduct time withheld, the inmate’s request will be forwarded to the SOC with 10 days of the Warden’s receipt of the request” in Section 7. **Deleted** Section 8 “Good Time Withheld for a Sex Offender’s Failure to Fully Cooperate with Treatment Offered” **Added** “approve or deny the inmate’s request for return of withheld good conduct time. If approved, the Warden will” and **Deleted** “written recommendation” and **Replaced** with

“the inmate’s written request for return of withheld good conduct time” in Section 8 C. **Deleted** “issue a written decision with 10 days of receiving all information and reports requested” and **Replaced** with “may approve, deny or modify the request for return of good time withheld” in Section 9 A. **Deleted** 2. “In the event the SOC requires additional time to review materials and/or gather additional information regarding the case, he/she may extend the time period for the response up to 30 additional days” in Section 9 **Added** 2. to Section 9 A. **Deleted** Attachment 1.

**August 2014:** **Updated** definition of “STOP”. **Revised** language in Section 5 B.1. **Deleted** title of Section 8 and **Added** language in Section 8 to Section 7.

**August 2015:** **Reviewed** with no changes.

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**August 2017:** **Reviewed** with no changes.

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**September 2021:** **Deleted** “(See Attachment 1)” in Section 4 A 4 as the attachment was removed in 2013.

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Date