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<u>Present law</u> provides that a prisoner serving time for a felony crime of violence, without a prior conviction of a crime of violence or sex offense, earns diminution of sentence for good behavior, known as "good time," at a rate of one day for every three days in actual custody. However, <u>present law</u> does not apply to an offender whose instant conviction is for a crime of violence that is also listed in present law as a sex offense.

Present law applies only to a prisoner who committed the offense on or after November 1, 2017.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and also makes the one-for-three good time rate applicable to prisoners who committed an offense before November 1, 2017, provided the following conditions are met:

- (1) The offender has not committed more than three disciplinary offenses, as identified by the Dept of Public Safety and Corrections in the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures for Adult Offenders. during his incarceration.
- (2) The offender has completed a certified treatment and rehabilitation program, as provided for by <u>present law</u>, that is specifically related to the offense for which the offender has been incarcerated.
- (3) The offender has either:

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- (a) Completed a one hundred hour standardized pre-release orientation program, as provided for by <u>present law</u>.
- (b) Voluntarily participated in community service work with charities outside of the correctional facility.
- (4) The offender has an excellent performance record in institutional jobs or work while incarcerated.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 15:571.3(B)(2)(a) and (c))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the original bill

1.	Add conditions that must be met by offenders who committed an offense prior to 11/1/17 in order to be eligible for the increased good time rate provided for by proposed law.