

## **IC 35-50**

### **ARTICLE 50. SENTENCES**

#### **IC 35-50-1**

##### **Chapter 1. General Provisions**

#### **IC 35-50-1-1**

##### **Authority to sentence**

35-50-1-1 Sec. 1. The court shall fix the penalty of and sentence a person convicted of an offense.

As added by Acts 1976, P.L.148, SEC.8. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.110.

#### **IC 35-50-1-2**

##### **Consecutive and concurrent terms**

Sec. 2. (a) As used in this section, "crime of violence" means the following:

- (1) Murder (IC 35-42-1-1).
- (2) Attempted murder (IC 35-41-5-1).
- (3) Voluntary manslaughter (IC 35-42-1-3).
- (4) Involuntary manslaughter (IC 35-42-1-4).
- (5) Reckless homicide (IC 35-42-1-5).
- (6) Aggravated battery (IC 35-42-2-1.5).
- (7) Kidnapping (IC 35-42-3-2).
- (8) Rape (IC 35-42-4-1).
- (9) Criminal deviate conduct (IC 35-42-4-2).
- (10) Child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3).

(11) Sexual misconduct with a minor as a Class A felony under IC 35-42-4-9(a)(2) or a Class B felony under IC 35-42-4-9(b)(2).

(12) Robbery as a Class A felony or a Class B felony (IC 35-42-5-1).

(13) Burglary as a Class A felony or a Class B felony (IC 35-43-2-1).

(14) Operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated causing death (IC 9-30-5-5).

(15) Operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated causing serious bodily injury to another person (IC 9-30-5-4).

(16) Resisting law enforcement as a felony (IC 35-44-3-3).

(b) As used in this section, "episode of criminal conduct" means offenses or a connected series of offenses that are closely related in time, place, and circumstance.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (d) or (e), the court shall determine whether terms of imprisonment shall be served concurrently or consecutively. The court may consider the:

- (1) aggravating circumstances in IC 35-38-1-7.1(a); and
- (2) mitigating circumstances in IC 35-38-1-7.1(b);

in making a determination under this subsection. The court may order terms of imprisonment to be served consecutively even if the sentences are not imposed at the same time. However, except for crimes of violence, the total of the consecutive terms of imprisonment, exclusive of terms of imprisonment under IC 35-50-2-8 and IC 35-50-2-10, to which the defendant is sentenced for felony convictions arising out of an episode of criminal conduct shall not exceed the advisory sentence for a felony which is one (1) class of felony higher than the most serious of the felonies for which the person has been convicted.

(d) If, after being arrested for one (1) crime, a person commits another crime:

(1) before the date the person is discharged from probation, parole, or a term of imprisonment imposed for the first crime; or

(2) while the person is released:

(A) upon the person's own recognizance; or

(B) on bond;

the terms of imprisonment for the crimes shall be served consecutively, regardless of the order in which the crimes are tried and sentences are imposed.

(e) If the factfinder determines under IC 35-50-2-11 that a person used a firearm in the commission of the offense for which the person was convicted, the term of imprisonment for the

underlying offense and the additional term of imprisonment imposed under IC 35-50-2-11 must be served consecutively.

*As added by Acts 1976, P.L.148, SEC.8. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.111; P.L.330-1987, SEC.1; P.L.164-1994, SEC.1; P.L.304-1995, SEC.1; P.L.203-1996, SEC.7; P.L.219-1997, SEC.1; P.L.228-2001, SEC.6; P.L.266-2003, SEC.2; P.L.71-2005, SEC.4; P.L.213-2005, SEC.4; P.L.1-2006, SEC.549; P.L.126-2008, SEC.12.*

### **IC 35-50-1-3 Repealed**

**(Repealed by P.L.305-1987, SEC.38.)**

### **IC 35-50-1-4 Repealed**

**(Repealed by P.L.5-1986, SEC.61.)**

### **IC 35-50-1-5**

#### **Postconviction remedy; imposition of penalty more severe than originally imposed; credit for time served**

35-50-1-5 Sec. 5. If:

(1) prosecution is initiated against a petitioner who has successfully sought relief under any proceeding for postconviction remedy and a conviction is subsequently obtained; or

(2) a sentence has been set aside under a postconviction remedy and the successful petitioner is to be resentenced; the sentencing court may impose a more severe penalty than that originally imposed, and the court shall give credit for time served. As added by P.L.179-1984, SEC.3.

### **IC 35-50-1-6**

#### **Placement in secure private facility**

35-50-1-6 Sec. 6. (a) Before a person who has been convicted of an offense and committed to the department of correction is assigned to a department of correction program or facility under IC 11-10-1, the sentencing court may recommend that the department of correction place the person in a secure private facility (as defined in IC 31-9-2-115) if:

(1) the person was less than sixteen (16) years of age on the date of sentencing; and

(2) the court determines that the person would benefit from the treatment offered by the facility.

(b) A secure private facility may terminate a placement and request the department of correction to reassign a convicted person to another department of correction facility or program.

(c) When a convicted person becomes twenty-one (21) years of age or if a secure private facility terminates a placement under subsection (b) a convicted person shall:

(1) be assigned to a department of correction facility or program under IC 11-10-1-3(b); and

(2) serve the remainder of the sentence in the department of correction facility or program.

(d) A person who is placed in a secure private facility under this section:

(1) is entitled to earn credit time under IC 35-50-6; and

(2) may be deprived of earned credit time as provided under rules adopted by the department of correction under IC 4-22-2.

As added by P.L.79-1994, SEC.17. Amended by P.L.1-1997, SEC.154; P.L.1-2002, SEC.151.

### **IC 35-50-1-7**

#### **Notifying department of name and address of victim**

35-50-1-7 Sec. 7. Whenever a court commits a person to the department of correction as a result of a conviction, the court shall notify the department of correction of the last known name and address of any victim of the offense for which the person is convicted.

As added by P.L.90-2000, SEC.19.

### **IC 35-50-2**

Chapter 2. Death Sentence and Sentences for Felonies and Habitual Offenders

## **IC 35-50-2-1**

### **Definitions**

Sec. 1. (a) As used in this chapter, "Class D felony conviction" means a conviction of a Class D felony in Indiana and a conviction, in any other jurisdiction at any time, with respect to which the convicted person might have been imprisoned for more than one (1) year. However, it does not include a conviction with respect to which the person has been pardoned, or a conviction of a Class A misdemeanor under section 7(b) of this chapter.

(b) As used in this chapter, "felony conviction" means a conviction, in any jurisdiction at any time, with respect to which the convicted person might have been imprisoned for more than one (1) year. However, it does not include a conviction with respect to which the person has been pardoned, or a conviction of a Class A misdemeanor under section 7(b) of this chapter.

(c) As used in this chapter, "minimum sentence" means:

- (1) for murder, forty-five (45) years;
- (2) for a Class A felony, twenty (20) years;
- (3) for a Class B felony, six (6) years;
- (4) for a Class C felony, two (2) years; and
- (5) for a Class D felony, one-half (1/2) year.

*As added by Acts 1976, P.L.148, SEC.8. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.114; P.L.334-1983, SEC.1; P.L.98-1988, SEC.8; P.L.243-2001, SEC.2 and P.L.291-2001, SEC.225.*

## **IC 35-50-2-1.3**

### **Advisory sentences**

Sec. 1.3. (a) For purposes of sections 3 through 7 of this chapter, "advisory sentence" means a guideline sentence that the court may voluntarily consider as the midpoint between the maximum sentence and the minimum sentence.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), a court is not required to use an advisory sentence.

(c) In imposing:

- (1) consecutive sentences for felony convictions that are not crimes of violence (as defined in IC 35-50-1-2(a)) arising out of an episode of criminal conduct, in accordance with IC 35-50-1-2;
  - (2) an additional fixed term to an habitual offender under section 8 of this chapter; or
  - (3) an additional fixed term to a repeat sexual offender under section 14 of this chapter;
- a court is required to use the appropriate advisory sentence in imposing a consecutive sentence or an additional fixed term. However, the court is not required to use the advisory sentence in imposing the sentence for the underlying offense.

(d) This section does not require a court to use an advisory sentence in imposing consecutive sentences for felony convictions that do not arise out of an episode of criminal conduct.

*As added by P.L.71-2005, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.178-2007, SEC.4.*

## **IC 35-50-2-1.4**

### **"Criminal gang" defined**

Sec. 1.4. For purposes of section 15 of this chapter, "criminal gang" means a group with at least three (3) members that specifically:

(1) either:

- (A) promotes, sponsors, or assists in; or
- (B) participates in; or

(2) requires as a condition of membership or continued membership;

the commission of a felony or an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult or the offense of battery (IC 35-42-2-1). *As added by P.L.109-2006, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.192-2007, SEC.12.*

### **IC 35-50-2-1.5**

#### **"Individual with mental retardation" defined**

Sec. 1.5. As used in this chapter, "individual with mental retardation" has the meaning set forth in IC 35-36-9-2.

*As added by P.L.158-1994, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.99-2007, SEC.211.*

### **IC 35-50-2-1.8**

#### **"Sex offense against a child" defined**

Sec. 1.8. As used in this chapter, "sex offense against a child" means an offense under IC 35-42-4 in which the victim is a child less than eighteen (18) years of age.

*As added by P.L.53-2005, SEC.1.*

### **IC 35-50-2-2**

#### **Suspension of sentence; limitations**

Sec. 2. (a) The court may suspend any part of a sentence for a felony, except as provided in this section or in section 2.1 of this chapter.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (i), with respect to the following crimes listed in this subsection, the court may suspend only that part of the sentence that is in excess of the minimum sentence, unless the court has approved placement of the offender in a forensic diversion program under IC 11-12-3.7:

(1) The crime committed was a Class A felony or Class B felony and the person has a prior unrelated felony conviction.

(2) The crime committed was a Class C felony and less than seven (7) years have elapsed between the date the person was discharged from probation, imprisonment, or parole, whichever is later, for a prior unrelated felony conviction and the date the person committed the Class C felony for which the person is being sentenced.

(3) The crime committed was a Class D felony and less than three (3) years have elapsed between the date the person was discharged from probation, imprisonment, or parole, whichever is later, for a prior unrelated felony conviction and the date the person committed the Class D felony for which the person is being sentenced. However, the court may suspend the minimum sentence for the crime only if the court orders home detention under IC 35-38-1-21 or IC 35-38-2.5-5 instead of the minimum sentence specified for the crime under this chapter.

(4) The felony committed was:

(A) murder (IC 35-42-1-1);

(B) battery (IC 35-42-2-1) with a deadly weapon or battery causing death;

(C) sexual battery (IC 35-42-4-8) with a deadly weapon;

(D) kidnapping (IC 35-42-3-2);

(E) confinement (IC 35-42-3-3) with a deadly weapon;

(F) rape (IC 35-42-4-1) as a Class A felony;

(G) criminal deviate conduct (IC 35-42-4-2) as a Class A felony;

(H) except as provided in subsection (i), child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3) as a Class A or

Class B felony, unless:

(i) the felony committed was child molesting as a Class B felony;

(ii) the victim was not less than twelve (12) years old at the time the offense was committed;

(iii) the person is not more than four (4) years older than the victim, or more than five (5) years older than the victim if the relationship between the person and the victim was a dating relationship or an ongoing personal relationship (not including a family relationship);

(iv) the person did not have a position of authority or substantial influence over the victim; and

(v) the person has not committed another sex offense (as defined in IC 11-8-8-5.2) (including a delinquent act that would be a sex offense if committed by an adult) against any other person;

(I) robbery (IC 35-42-5-1) resulting in serious bodily injury or with a deadly weapon;

(J) arson (IC 35-43-1-1) for hire or resulting in serious bodily injury;

(K) burglary (IC 35-43-2-1) resulting in serious bodily injury or with a deadly weapon;

(L) resisting law enforcement (IC 35-44-3-3) with a deadly weapon;

(M) escape (IC 35-44-3-5) with a deadly weapon;

(N) rioting (IC 35-45-1-2) with a deadly weapon;

(O) dealing in cocaine or a narcotic drug (IC 35-48-4-1) if the court finds the person possessed a firearm (as defined in IC 35-47-1-5) at the time of the offense, or the person delivered or intended to deliver to a person under eighteen (18) years of age at least three (3) years junior to the person and was on a school bus or within one thousand (1,000) feet of:

(i) school property;

(ii) a public park;

(iii) a family housing complex; or

(iv) a youth program center;

(P) dealing in methamphetamine (IC 35-48-4-1.1) if the court finds the person possessed a firearm (as defined in IC 35-47-1-5) at the time of the offense, or the person delivered or intended to deliver the methamphetamine pure or adulterated to a person under eighteen (18) years of age at least three (3) years junior to the person and was on a school bus or within one thousand (1,000) feet of:

(i) school property;

(ii) a public park;

(iii) a family housing complex; or

(iv) a youth program center;

(Q) dealing in a schedule I, II, or III controlled substance (IC 35-48-4-2) if the court finds the person possessed a firearm (as defined in IC 35-47-1-5) at the time of the offense, or the person delivered or intended to deliver to a person under eighteen (18) years of age at least three (3) years junior to the person and was on a school bus or within one thousand (1,000) feet of:

(i) school property;

(ii) a public park;

(iii) a family housing complex; or

(iv) a youth program center;

(R) an offense under IC 9-30-5 (operating a vehicle while intoxicated) and the person who committed the offense has accumulated at least two (2) prior unrelated convictions under IC 9-30-5;

(S) an offense under IC 9-30-5-5(b) (operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing death);

(T) aggravated battery (IC 35-42-2-1.5); or

(U) disarming a law enforcement officer (IC 35-44-3-3.5).

(c) Except as provided in subsection (e), whenever the court suspends a sentence for a felony, it shall place the person on probation under IC 35-38-2 for a fixed period to end not later than the date that the maximum sentence that may be imposed for the felony will expire.

(d) The minimum sentence for a person convicted of voluntary manslaughter may not be suspended unless the court finds at the sentencing hearing that the crime was not committed by means of a deadly weapon.

(e) Whenever the court suspends that part of the sentence of a sex or violent offender (as defined in IC 11-8-8-5) that is suspendible under subsection (b), the court shall place the sex or violent offender on probation under IC 35-38-2 for not more than ten (10) years.

(f) An additional term of imprisonment imposed under IC 35-50-2-11 may not be suspended.

(g) A term of imprisonment imposed under IC 35-47-10-6 or IC 35-47-10-7 may not be suspended if the commission of the offense was knowing or intentional.

(h) A term of imprisonment imposed for an offense under IC 35-48-4-6(b)(1)(B) or IC 35-48-4-6.1(b)(1)(B) may not be suspended.

(i) If a person is:

(1) convicted of child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3) as a Class A felony against a victim less than twelve (12) years of age; and

(2) at least twenty-one (21) years of age;

the court may suspend only that part of the sentence that is in excess of thirty (30) years.

*As added by Acts 1976, P.L. 148, SEC.8. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.115; Acts 1979,*

*P.L.305, SEC.1; Acts 1982, P.L.204, SEC.39; P.L.334-1983, SEC.2; P.L.284-1985, SEC.3; P.L.211-1986, SEC.1; P.L.98-1988, SEC.9; P.L.351-1989(ss), SEC.4; P.L.214-1991, SEC.2; P.L.240-1991(ss2), SEC.98; P.L.11-1994, SEC.17; P.L.203-1996, SEC.8; P.L.96-1996, SEC.7; P.L.220-1997, SEC.1; P.L.188-1999, SEC.8; P.L.17-2001, SEC.30; P.L.222-2001, SEC.6; P.L.238-2001, SEC.21; P.L.116-2002, SEC.25; P.L.224-2003, SEC.126; P.L.85-2004, SEC.11; P.L.213-2005, SEC.7; P.L.151-2006, SEC.28; P.L.140-2006, SEC.36 and P.L.173-2006, SEC.36; P.L.1-2007, SEC.236; P.L.216-2007, SEC.50; P.L.64-2008, SEC.2.*

### **IC 35-50-2-2.1**

#### **Suspension; persons with juvenile record**

Sec. 2.1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) or section 2 of this chapter, the court may not suspend a sentence for a felony for a person with a juvenile record when:

(1) the juvenile record includes findings that the juvenile acts, if committed by an adult, would constitute:

- (A) one (1) Class A or Class B felony;
- (B) two (2) Class C or Class D felonies; or
- (C) one (1) Class C and one (1) Class D felony; and

(2) less than three (3) years have elapsed between commission of the juvenile acts that would be felonies if committed by an adult and the commission of the felony for which the person is being sentenced.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the court may suspend any part of the sentence for a felony, except as provided in section 2 of this chapter, if it finds that:

- (1) the crime was the result of circumstances unlikely to recur;
- (2) the victim of the crime induced or facilitated the offense;
- (3) there are substantial grounds tending to excuse or justify the crime, though failing to establish a defense; or

(4) the acts in the juvenile record would not be Class A or Class B felonies if committed by an adult, and the convicted person is to undergo home detention under IC 35-38-1-21 instead of the minimum sentence specified for the crime under this chapter.

*As added by P.L.284-1985, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.331-1987, SEC.1; P.L.98-1988, SEC.10.*

### **IC 35-50-2-3**

#### **Murder**

Sec. 3. (a) A person who commits murder shall be imprisoned for a fixed term of between forty-five (45) and sixty-five (65) years, with the advisory sentence being fifty-five (55) years. In addition, the person may be fined not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a person who was:

(1) at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time the murder was committed may be sentenced to:

- (A) death; or
- (B) life imprisonment without parole; and

(2) at least sixteen (16) years of age but less than eighteen (18) years of age at the time the murder was committed may be sentenced to life imprisonment without parole; under section 9 of this chapter unless a court determines under IC 35-36-9 that the person is an individual with mental retardation.

*As added by Acts 1976, P.L.148, SEC.8. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.116; P.L.332-1987, SEC.1; P.L.250-1993, SEC.1; P.L.164-1994, SEC.2; P.L.158-1994, SEC.5; P.L.2-1995, SEC.128; P.L.148-1995, SEC.4; P.L.117-2002, SEC.1; P.L.71-2005, SEC.6; P.L.99-2007, SEC.212.*

### **IC 35-50-2-4**

#### **Class A felony**

Sec. 4. A person who commits a Class A felony shall be imprisoned for a fixed term of between twenty (20) and fifty (50) years, with the advisory sentence being thirty (30) years. In addition, the person may be fined not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

*As added by Acts 1976, P.L.148, SEC.8. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.117; P.L.164-1994, SEC.3; P.L.148-1995, SEC.5; P.L.71-2005, SEC.7.*

#### **IC 35-50-2-5**

##### **Class B felony**

Sec. 5. A person who commits a Class B felony shall be imprisoned for a fixed term of between six (6) and twenty (20) years, with the advisory sentence being ten (10) years. In addition, the person may be fined not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

*As added by Acts 1976, P.L.148, SEC.8. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.118; P.L.71-2005, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 35-50-2-6**

##### **Class C felony; commission of nonsupport of child as Class D felony**

Sec. 6. (a) A person who commits a Class C felony shall be imprisoned for a fixed term of between two (2) and eight (8) years, with the advisory sentence being four (4) years. In addition, the person may be fined not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), if a person has committed nonsupport of a child as a Class C felony under IC 35-46-1-5, upon motion of the prosecuting attorney, the court may enter judgment of conviction of a Class D felony under IC 35-46-1-5 and sentence the person accordingly. The court shall enter in the record detailed reasons for the court's action when the court enters a judgment of conviction of a Class D felony under this subsection.

*As added by Acts 1976, P.L.148, SEC.8. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.119; P.L.167-1990, SEC.1; P.L.213-1996, SEC.5; P.L.71-2005, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 35-50-2-7**

##### **Class D felony**

Sec. 7. (a) A person who commits a Class D felony shall be imprisoned for a fixed term of between six (6) months and three (3) years, with the advisory sentence being one and one-half (1 1/2) years. In addition, the person may be fined not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), if a person has committed a Class D felony, the court may enter judgment of conviction of a Class A misdemeanor and sentence accordingly. However, the court shall enter a judgment of conviction of a Class D felony if:

(1) the court finds that:

(A) the person has committed a prior, unrelated felony for which judgment was entered as a conviction of a Class A misdemeanor; and

(B) the prior felony was committed less than three (3) years before the second felony was committed;

(2) the offense is domestic battery as a Class D felony under IC 35-42-2-1.3; or

(3) the offense is possession of child pornography (IC 35-42-4-4(c)).

The court shall enter in the record, in detail, the reason for its action whenever it exercises the power to enter judgment of conviction of a Class A misdemeanor granted in this subsection.

*As added by Acts 1976, P.L.148, SEC.8. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.120; Acts 1982, P.L.204, SEC.40; P.L.334-1983, SEC.3; P.L.136-1987, SEC.7; P.L.167-1990, SEC.2; P.L.188-1999, SEC.9; P.L.98-2003, SEC.3; P.L.71-2005, SEC.10.*

#### **IC 35-50-2-7.1**

##### **Repealed**

*(Repealed by P.L.164-1993, SEC.14.)*

#### **IC 35-50-2-8**

##### **Habitual offenders**

Sec. 8. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the state may seek to have a person sentenced as a habitual offender for any felony by alleging, on a page separate from the rest of the charging instrument, that the person has accumulated two (2) prior unrelated felony convictions.

(b) The state may not seek to have a person sentenced as a habitual offender for a felony offense under this section if:

(1) the offense is a misdemeanor that is enhanced to a felony in the same proceeding as the habitual offender proceeding solely because the person had a prior unrelated conviction;

(2) the offense is an offense under IC 9-30-10-16 or IC 9-30-10-17; or

(3) all of the following apply:

(A) The offense is an offense under IC 16-42-19 or IC 35-48-4.

(B) The offense is not listed in section 2(b)(4) of this chapter.

(C) The total number of unrelated convictions that the person has for:

(i) dealing in or selling a legend drug under IC 16-42-19-27;

(ii) dealing in cocaine or a narcotic drug (IC 35-48-4-1);

(iii) dealing in a schedule I, II, III controlled substance (IC 35-48-4-2);

(iv) dealing in a schedule IV controlled substance (IC 35-48-4-3); and

(v) dealing in a schedule V controlled substance (IC 35-48-4-4);

does not exceed one (1).

(c) A person has accumulated two (2) prior unrelated felony convictions for purposes of this section only if:

(1) the second prior unrelated felony conviction was committed after sentencing for the first prior unrelated felony conviction; and

(2) the offense for which the state seeks to have the person sentenced as a habitual offender was committed after sentencing for the second prior unrelated felony conviction.

(d) A conviction does not count for purposes of this section as a prior unrelated felony conviction if:

(1) the conviction has been set aside;

(2) the conviction is one for which the person has been pardoned; or

(3) all of the following apply:

(A) The offense is an offense under IC 16-42-19 or IC 35-48-4.

(B) The offense is not listed in section 2(b)(4) of this chapter.

(C) The total number of unrelated convictions that the person has for:

(i) dealing in or selling a legend drug under IC 16-42-19-27;

(ii) dealing in cocaine or a narcotic drug (IC 35-48-4-1);

(iii) dealing in a schedule I, II, III controlled substance (IC 35-48-4-2);

(iv) dealing in a schedule IV controlled substance (IC 35-48-4-3); and

(v) dealing in a schedule V controlled substance (IC 35-48-4-4);

does not exceed one (1).

(e) The requirements in subsection (b) do not apply to a prior unrelated felony conviction that is used to support a sentence as a habitual offender. A prior unrelated felony conviction may be used under this section to support a sentence as a habitual offender even if the sentence for the prior unrelated offense was enhanced for any reason, including an enhancement because the person had been convicted of another offense. However, a prior unrelated felony conviction under IC 9-30-10-16, IC 9-30-10-17, IC 9-12-3-1 (repealed), or IC 9-12-3-2 (repealed) may not be used to support a sentence as a habitual offender.

(f) If the person was convicted of the felony in a jury trial, the jury shall reconvene for the sentencing hearing. If the trial was to the court or the judgment was entered on a guilty plea, the court alone shall conduct the sentencing hearing under IC 35-38-1-3.

(g) A person is a habitual offender if the jury (if the hearing is by jury) or the court (if the hearing is to the court alone) finds that the state has proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the person had accumulated two (2) prior unrelated felony convictions.

(h) The court shall sentence a person found to be a habitual offender to an additional fixed term that is not less than the advisory sentence for the underlying offense nor more than three (3) times the advisory sentence for the underlying offense. However, the additional sentence may not exceed thirty (30) years.

*As added by Acts 1976, P.L.148, SEC.8. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.121; Acts 1980, P.L.210, SEC.1; P.L.335-1983, SEC.1; P.L.328-1985, SEC.2; P.L.1-1990, SEC.353; P.L.164-*

1993, SEC.13; P.L.140-1994, SEC.14; P.L.305-1995, SEC.1; P.L.166-2001, SEC.3; P.L.291-2001, SEC.226; P.L.71-2005, SEC.11.

### **IC 35-50-2-8.5**

#### **Life imprisonment without parole upon third felony conviction or second sex offense against a child**

Sec. 8.5. (a) The state may seek to have a person sentenced to life imprisonment without parole for any felony described in section 2(b)(4) of this chapter by alleging, on a page separate from the rest of the charging instrument, that the person has accumulated two (2) prior unrelated felony convictions described in section 2(b)(4) of this chapter.

(b) The state may seek to have a person sentenced to life imprisonment without parole for a Class A felony under IC 35-42-4 that is a sex offense against a child by alleging, on a page separate from the rest of the charging instrument, that the person has a prior unrelated Class A felony conviction under IC 35-42-4 that is a sex offense against a child.

(c) If the person was convicted of the felony in a jury trial, the jury shall reconvene to hear evidence on the life imprisonment without parole allegation. If the person was convicted of the felony by trial to the court without a jury or if the judgment was entered to guilty plea, the court alone shall hear evidence on the life imprisonment without parole allegation.

(d) A person is subject to life imprisonment without parole if the jury (in a case tried by a jury) or the court (in a case tried by the court or on a judgment entered on a guilty plea) finds that the state has proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the person:

(1) has accumulated two (2) prior unrelated convictions for offenses described in section 2(b)(4) of this chapter; or

(2) has a prior unrelated Class A felony conviction under IC 35-42-4 that is a sex offense against a child.

(e) The court may sentence a person found to be subject to life imprisonment without parole under this section to life imprisonment without parole.

*As added by P.L.158-1994, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.53-2005, SEC.2.*

### **IC 35-50-2-9**

#### **Death penalty sentencing procedure**

Sec. 9. (a) The state may seek either a death sentence or a sentence of life imprisonment without parole for murder by alleging, on a page separate from the rest of the charging instrument, the existence of at least one (1) of the aggravating circumstances listed in subsection (b). In the sentencing hearing after a person is convicted of murder, the state must prove beyond a reasonable doubt the existence of at least one (1) of the aggravating circumstances alleged. However, the state may not proceed against a defendant under this section if a court determines at a pretrial hearing under IC 35-36-9 that the defendant is an individual with mental retardation.

(b) The aggravating circumstances are as follows:

(1) The defendant committed the murder by intentionally killing the victim while committing or attempting to commit any of the following:

(A) Arson (IC 35-43-1-1).

(B) Burglary (IC 35-43-2-1).

(C) Child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3).

(D) Criminal deviate conduct (IC 35-42-4-2).

(E) Kidnapping (IC 35-42-3-2).

(F) Rape (IC 35-42-4-1).

(G) Robbery (IC 35-42-5-1).

(H) Carjacking (IC 35-42-5-2).

(I) Criminal gang activity (IC 35-45-9-3).

(J) Dealing in cocaine or a narcotic drug (IC 35-48-4-1).

(2) The defendant committed the murder by the unlawful detonation of an explosive with intent to injure person or damage property.

(3) The defendant committed the murder by lying in wait.

(4) The defendant who committed the murder was hired to kill.

- (5) The defendant committed the murder by hiring another person to kill.
- (6) The victim of the murder was a corrections employee, probation officer, parole officer, community corrections worker, home detention officer, fireman, judge, or law enforcement officer, and either:
  - (A) the victim was acting in the course of duty; or
  - (B) the murder was motivated by an act the victim performed while acting in the course of duty.
- (7) The defendant has been convicted of another murder.
- (8) The defendant has committed another murder, at any time, regardless of whether the defendant has been convicted of that other murder.
- (9) The defendant was:
  - (A) under the custody of the department of correction;
  - (B) under the custody of a county sheriff;
  - (C) on probation after receiving a sentence for the commission of a felony; or
  - (D) on parole;at the time the murder was committed.
- (10) The defendant dismembered the victim.
- (11) The defendant burned, mutilated, or tortured the victim while the victim was alive.
- (12) The victim of the murder was less than twelve (12) years of age.
- (13) The victim was a victim of any of the following offenses for which the defendant was convicted:
  - (A) Battery as a Class D felony or as a Class C felony under IC 35-42-2-1.
  - (B) Kidnapping (IC 35-42-3-2).
  - (C) Criminal confinement (IC 35-42-3-3).
  - (D) A sex crime under IC 35-42-4.
- (14) The victim of the murder was listed by the state or known by the defendant to be a witness against the defendant and the defendant committed the murder with the intent to prevent the person from testifying.
- (15) The defendant committed the murder by intentionally discharging a firearm (as defined in IC 35-47-1-5):
  - (A) into an inhabited dwelling; or
  - (B) from a vehicle.
- (16) The victim of the murder was pregnant and the murder resulted in the intentional killing of a fetus that has attained viability (as defined in IC 16-18-2-365).
- (c) The mitigating circumstances that may be considered under this section are as follows:
  - (1) The defendant has no significant history of prior criminal conduct.
  - (2) The defendant was under the influence of extreme mental or emotional disturbance when the murder was committed.
  - (3) The victim was a participant in or consented to the defendant's conduct.
  - (4) The defendant was an accomplice in a murder committed by another person, and the defendant's participation was relatively minor.
  - (5) The defendant acted under the substantial domination of another person.
  - (6) The defendant's capacity to appreciate the criminality of the defendant's conduct or to conform that conduct to the requirements of law was substantially impaired as a result of mental disease or defect or of intoxication.
  - (7) The defendant was less than eighteen (18) years of age at the time the murder was committed.
  - (8) Any other circumstances appropriate for consideration.
- (d) If the defendant was convicted of murder in a jury trial, the jury shall reconvene for the sentencing hearing. If the trial was to the court, or the judgment was entered on a guilty plea, the court alone shall conduct the sentencing hearing. The jury or the court may consider all the evidence introduced at the trial stage of the proceedings, together with new evidence presented at the sentencing hearing. The court shall instruct the jury concerning the statutory penalties for murder and any other offenses for which the defendant was convicted, the potential for consecutive or concurrent sentencing, and the availability of good time credit and clemency. The

court shall instruct the jury that, in order for the jury to recommend to the court that the death penalty or life imprisonment without parole should be imposed, the jury must find at least one (1) aggravating circumstance beyond a reasonable doubt as described in subsection (l) and shall provide a special verdict form for each aggravating circumstance alleged. The defendant may present any additional evidence relevant to:

- (1) the aggravating circumstances alleged; or
- (2) any of the mitigating circumstances listed in subsection (c).

(e) For a defendant sentenced after June 30, 2002, except as provided by IC 35-36-9, if the hearing is by jury, the jury shall recommend to the court whether the death penalty or life imprisonment without parole, or neither, should be imposed. The jury may recommend:

- (1) the death penalty; or
- (2) life imprisonment without parole;

only if it makes the findings described in subsection (l). If the jury reaches a sentencing recommendation, the court shall sentence the defendant accordingly. After a court pronounces sentence, a representative of the victim's family and friends may present a statement regarding the impact of the crime on family and friends.

The impact statement may be submitted in writing or given orally by the representative. The statement shall be given in the presence of the defendant.

(f) If a jury is unable to agree on a sentence recommendation after reasonable deliberations, the court shall discharge the jury and proceed as if the hearing had been to the court alone.

(g) If the hearing is to the court alone, except as provided by IC 35-36-9, the court shall:

- (1) sentence the defendant to death; or
- (2) impose a term of life imprisonment without parole;

only if it makes the findings described in subsection (l).

(h) If a court sentences a defendant to death, the court shall order the defendant's execution to be carried out not later than one (1) year and one (1) day after the date the defendant was convicted. The supreme court has exclusive jurisdiction to stay the execution of a death sentence. If the supreme court stays the execution of a death sentence, the supreme court shall order a new date for the defendant's execution.

(i) If a person sentenced to death by a court files a petition for post-conviction relief, the court, not later than ninety (90) days after the date the petition is filed, shall set a date to hold a hearing to consider the petition. If a court does not, within the ninety (90) day period, set the date to hold the hearing to consider the petition, the court's failure to set the hearing date is not a basis for additional post-conviction relief. The attorney general shall answer the petition for post-conviction relief on behalf of the state. At the request of the attorney general, a prosecuting attorney shall assist the attorney general. The court shall enter written findings of fact and conclusions of law concerning the petition not later than ninety (90) days after the date the hearing concludes. However, if the court determines that the petition is without merit, the court may dismiss the petition within ninety (90) days without conducting a hearing under this subsection.

(j) A death sentence is subject to automatic review by the supreme court. The review, which shall be heard under rules adopted by the supreme court, shall be given priority over all other cases. The supreme court's review must take into consideration all claims that the:

- (1) conviction or sentence was in violation of the:
  - (A) Constitution of the State of Indiana; or
  - (B) Constitution of the United States;
- (2) sentencing court was without jurisdiction to impose a sentence; and
- (3) sentence:
  - (A) exceeds the maximum sentence authorized by law; or
  - (B) is otherwise erroneous.

If the supreme court cannot complete its review by the date set by the sentencing court for the defendant's execution under subsection (h), the supreme court shall stay the execution of the death sentence and set a new date to carry out the defendant's execution.

(k) A person who has been sentenced to death and who has

completed state post-conviction review proceedings may file a written petition with the supreme court seeking to present new evidence challenging the person's guilt or the appropriateness of the death sentence if the person serves notice on the attorney general. The supreme court shall determine, with or without a hearing, whether the person has presented previously undiscovered evidence that undermines confidence in the conviction or the death sentence. If necessary, the supreme court may remand the case to the trial court for an evidentiary hearing to consider the new evidence and its effect on the person's conviction and death sentence. The supreme court may not make a determination in the person's favor nor make a decision to remand the case to the trial court for an evidentiary hearing without first providing the attorney general with an opportunity to be heard on the matter.

(l) Before a sentence may be imposed under this section, the jury, in a proceeding under subsection (e), or the court, in a proceeding under subsection (g), must find that:

(1) the state has proved beyond a reasonable doubt that at least one (1) of the aggravating circumstances listed in subsection (b) exists; and

(2) any mitigating circumstances that exist are outweighed by the aggravating circumstance or circumstances.

*As added by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.122. Amended by P.L.336-1983, SEC.1; P.L.212-1986, SEC.1; P.L.332-1987, SEC.2; P.L.320-1987, SEC.2; P.L.296-1989, SEC.2; P.L.138-1989, SEC.6; P.L.1-1990, SEC.354; P.L.230-1993, SEC.5; P.L.250-1993, SEC.2; P.L.158-1994, SEC.7; P.L.306-1995, SEC.1; P.L.228-1996, SEC.1; P.L.216-1996, SEC.25; P.L.261-1997, SEC.7; P.L.80-2002, SEC.1; P.L.117-2002, SEC.2; P.L.1-2003, SEC.97; P.L.147-2003, SEC.1; P.L.1-2006, SEC.550; P.L.99-2007, SEC.213.*

## **IC 35-50-2-10**

### **Habitual substance offenders**

Sec. 10. (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Drug" means a drug or a controlled substance (as defined in IC 35-48-1).

(2) "Substance offense" means a Class A misdemeanor or a felony in which the possession, use, abuse, delivery, transportation, or manufacture of alcohol or drugs is a material element of the crime. The term includes an offense under IC 9-30-5 and an offense under IC 9-11-2 (before its repeal).

(b) The state may seek to have a person sentenced as a habitual substance offender for any substance offense by alleging, on a page separate from the rest of the charging instrument, that the person has accumulated two (2) prior unrelated substance offense convictions.

(c) After a person has been convicted and sentenced for a substance offense committed after sentencing for a prior unrelated substance offense conviction, the person has accumulated two (2) prior unrelated substance offense convictions. However, a conviction does not count for purposes of this subsection if:

(1) it has been set aside; or

(2) it is a conviction for which the person has been pardoned.

(d) If the person was convicted of the substance offense in a jury trial, the jury shall reconvene for the sentencing hearing. If the trial was to the court, or the judgment was entered on a guilty plea, the court alone shall conduct the sentencing hearing, under IC 35-38-1-3.

(e) A person is a habitual substance offender if the jury (if the hearing is by jury) or the court (if the hearing is to the court alone) finds that the state has proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the person had accumulated two (2) prior unrelated substance offense convictions.

(f) The court shall sentence a person found to be a habitual substance offender to an additional fixed term of at least three (3) years but not more than eight (8) years imprisonment, to be added to the term of imprisonment imposed under IC 35-50-2 or IC 35-50-3. If the court finds that:

(1) three (3) years or more have elapsed since the date the person was discharged from probation, imprisonment, or parole (whichever is later) for the last prior unrelated substance offense conviction and the date the person committed the substance offense for which the person is being sentenced as a habitual substance offender; or

(2) all of the substance offenses for which the person has been convicted are substance offenses under IC 16-42-19 or IC 35-48-4, the person has not been convicted of a substance

offense listed in section 2(b)(4) of this chapter, and the total number of convictions that the person has for:

- (A) dealing in or selling a legend drug under IC 16-42-19-27;
- (B) dealing in cocaine or a narcotic drug (IC 35-48-4-1);
- (C) dealing in a schedule I, II, or III controlled substance (IC 35-48-4-2);
- (D) dealing in a schedule IV controlled substance (IC 35-48-4-3); and
- (E) dealing in a schedule V controlled substance (IC 35-48-4-4);

does not exceed one (1);

then the court may reduce the additional fixed term. However, the court may not reduce the additional fixed term to less than one (1) year.

(g) If a reduction of the additional year fixed term is authorized under subsection (f), the court may also consider the aggravating or circumstances in IC 35-38-1-7.1(a) and the mitigating circumstances in IC 35-38-1-7.1(b) to:

- (1) decide the issue of granting a reduction; or
- (2) determine the number of years, if any, to be subtracted under subsection (f).

*As added by P.L.335-1983, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.327-1985, SEC.5; P.L.98-1988, SEC.11; P.L.1-1990, SEC.355; P.L.96-1996, SEC.8; P.L.97-1996, SEC.5; P.L.2-1997, SEC.77; P.L.291-2001, SEC.227; P.L.71-2005, SEC.12; P.L.213-2005, SEC.5; P.L.1-2006, SEC.551.*

### **IC 35-50-2-11**

#### **Firearm used in commission of offense; separate charge; additional sentence**

Sec. 11. (a) As used in this section, "firearm" has the meaning set forth in IC 35-47-1-5.

(b) As used in this section, "offense" means:

- (1) a felony under IC 35-42 that resulted in death or serious bodily injury;
- (2) kidnapping; or
- (3) criminal confinement as a Class B felony.

(c) The state may seek, on a page separate from the rest of a charging instrument, to have a person who allegedly committed an offense sentenced to an additional fixed term of imprisonment if the state can show beyond a reasonable doubt that the person knowingly or intentionally used a firearm in the commission of the offense.

(d) If the person was convicted of the offense in a jury trial, the jury shall reconvene to hear evidence in the enhancement hearing. If the trial was to the court, or the judgment was entered on a guilty plea, the court alone shall hear evidence in the enhancement hearing.

(e) If the jury (if the hearing is by jury) or the court (if the hearing is to the court alone) finds that the state has proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the person knowingly or intentionally used a firearm in the commission of the offense, the court may sentence the person to an additional fixed term of imprisonment of five (5) years.

*As added by P.L.140-1994, SEC.15. Amended by P.L.203-1996, SEC.9; P.L.71-2005, SEC.13.*

### **IC 35-50-2-12**

#### **Characteristics of incarcerated offenders; publication of findings**

Sec. 12. The Indiana criminal justice institute shall review characteristics of offenders committed to the department of correction over such period of time it deems appropriate and of the offenses committed by those offenders in order to ascertain norms used by the trial courts in sentencing. The Indiana criminal justice institute shall from time to time publish its findings in the Indiana Register and provide its findings to the legislative services agency and the judicial conference of Indiana.

*As added by P.L.164-1994, SEC.4.*

### **IC 35-50-2-13**

#### **Use of firearms in controlled substance offenses under IC 35-48-4-1 through IC 35-48-4-4**

Sec. 13. (a) The state may seek, on a page separate from the rest of a charging instrument, to have a person who allegedly committed an offense of dealing in a controlled substance under IC 35-48-4-1 through IC 35-48-4-4 sentenced to an additional fixed term of imprisonment if the state can show beyond a reasonable doubt that the person knowingly or intentionally:

- (1) used a firearm; or
- (2) possessed a:
  - (A) handgun in violation of IC 35-47-2-1;
  - (B) sawed-off shotgun in violation of IC 35-47-5-4.1; or
  - (C) machine gun in violation of IC 35-47-5-8;while committing the offense.

(b) If the person was convicted of the offense in a jury trial, the jury shall reconvene to hear evidence in the enhancement hearing. If the trial was to the court, or the judgment was entered on a guilty plea, the court alone shall hear evidence in the enhancement hearing.

(c) If the jury (if the hearing is by jury) or the court (if the hearing is to the court alone) finds that the state has proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the person knowingly or intentionally committed an offense as described in subsection (a), the court may sentence the person to an additional fixed term of imprisonment of not more than five (5) years, except as follows:

(1) If the firearm is a sawed-off shotgun, the court may sentence the person to an additional fixed term of imprisonment of not more than ten (10) years.

(2) If the firearm is a machine gun or is equipped with a firearm silencer or firearm muffler, the court may sentence the person to an additional fixed term of imprisonment of not more than twenty (20) years. The additional sentence under this subdivision is in addition to any additional sentence imposed under section 11 of this chapter for use of a firearm in the commission of an offense. *As added by P.L.148-1995, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.71-2005, SEC.14.*

#### **IC 35-50-2-14**

##### **Repeat sexual offender**

Sec. 14. (a) The state may seek to have a person sentenced as a repeat sexual offender for a sex offense under IC 35-42-4-1 through IC 35-42-4-9 or IC 35-46-1-3, or for an offense committed in another jurisdiction that is substantially similar to a sex offense under IC 35-42-4-1 through IC 35-42-4-9 or IC 35-46-1-3, by alleging, on a page separate from the rest of the charging instrument, that the person has accumulated one (1) prior unrelated felony conviction for a sex offense under IC 35-42-4-1 through IC 35-42-4-9 or IC 35-46-1-3, or for an offense committed in another jurisdiction that is substantially similar to a sex offense under IC 35-42-4-1 through IC 35-42-4-9 or IC 35-46-1-3.

(b) After a person has been convicted and sentenced for a felony committed after sentencing for a prior unrelated felony conviction under IC 35-42-4-1 through IC 35-42-4-9 or IC 35-46-1-3, or for an offense committed in another jurisdiction that is substantially similar to a sex offense under IC 35-42-4-1 through IC 35-42-4-9 or IC 35-46-1-3, the person has accumulated one (1) prior unrelated felony conviction. However, a conviction does not count for purposes of this subsection, if:

- (1) it has been set aside; or
- (2) it is one for which the person has been pardoned.

(c) If the person was convicted of the offense in a jury trial, the jury shall reconvene to hear evidence in the enhancement hearing. If the trial was to the court, or the judgment was entered on a guilty plea, the court alone shall hear evidence in the enhancement hearing.

(d) A person is a repeat sexual offender if the jury (if the hearing is by jury) or the court (if the hearing is to the court alone) finds that the state has proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the person had accumulated one (1) prior unrelated felony conviction under IC 35-42-4-1 through IC 35-42-4-9 or IC 35-46-1-3, or had accumulated one (1) prior unrelated conviction for an offense committed in another jurisdiction that is substantially similar to a sex offense under IC 35-42-4-1 through IC 35-42-4-9 or IC 35-46-1-3.

(e) The court may sentence a person found to be a repeat sexual offender to an additional fixed term that is the advisory sentence for the underlying offense. However, the additional sentence may not exceed ten (10) years.

*As added by P.L.214-1999, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.71-2005, SEC.15; P.L.6-2006, SEC.9, P.L.140-2006, SEC.37, and P.L.173-2006, SEC.37.*

## **IC 35-50-2-15**

### **Criminal gang enhancement**

Sec. 15. (a) This section does not apply to an individual who is convicted of a felony offense under IC 35-45-9-3.

(b) The state may seek, on a page separate from the rest of a charging instrument, to have a person who allegedly committed a felony offense sentenced to an additional fixed term of imprisonment if the state can show beyond a reasonable doubt that the person knowingly or intentionally:

- (1) was a member of a criminal gang while committing the offense; and
- (2) committed the felony offense at the direction of or in affiliation with a criminal gang.

(c) If the person is convicted of the felony offense in a jury trial, the jury shall reconvene to hear evidence in the enhancement hearing. If the trial was to the court, or the judgment was entered on a guilty plea, the court alone shall hear evidence in the enhancement hearing.

(d) If the jury (if the hearing is by jury) or the court (if the hearing is to the court alone) finds that the state has proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the person knowingly or intentionally was a member of a criminal gang while committing the felony offense and committed the felony offense at the direction of or in affiliation with a criminal gang as described in subsection (b), the court shall:

(1) sentence the person to an additional fixed term of imprisonment equal to the sentence imposed for the underlying felony, if the person is sentenced for only one (1) felony; or

(2) sentence the person to an additional fixed term of imprisonment equal to the longest sentence imposed for the underlying felonies, if the person is being sentenced for more than one (1) felony.

(e) A sentence imposed under this section shall run consecutively to the underlying sentence.

(f) A term of imprisonment imposed under this section may not be suspended.

(g) For purposes of subsection (c), evidence that a person was a member of a criminal gang or committed a felony at the direction of or in affiliation with a criminal gang may include expert testimony pursuant to the Indiana Rules of Evidence that may be admitted to prove that particular conduct, status, and customs are indicative of criminal gang activity. The expert testimony may include the following:

- (1) Characteristics of persons who are members of criminal gangs.
- (2) Descriptions of rivalries between criminal gangs.
- (3) Common practices and operations of criminal gangs.
- (4) Behavior of criminal gangs.
- (5) Terminology used by members of criminal gangs.
- (6) Codes of conduct, including criminal conduct, of particular criminal gangs.
- (7) Types of crimes that are likely to be committed by a particular criminal gang.

*As added by P.L. 109-2006, SEC.3.*

## **IC 35-50-3**

### **Chapter 3. Sentences for Misdemeanors**

#### **IC 35-50-3-1**

##### **Suspension; probation**

35-50-3-1 Sec. 1. (a) The court may suspend any part of a sentence for a misdemeanor.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), whenever the court suspends in whole or in part a sentence for a Class A, Class B, or Class C misdemeanor, it may place the person on probation under IC 35-38-2 for a fixed period of not more than one (1) year, notwithstanding the maximum term of imprisonment for the misdemeanor set forth in sections 2 through 4 of this chapter. However, the combined term of imprisonment and probation for a misdemeanor may not exceed one (1) year.

(c) Whenever the court suspends a sentence for a misdemeanor, if the court finds that the use or abuse of alcohol, drugs, or harmful substances is a contributing factor or a material element of the offense, the court may place the person on probation under IC 35-38-2 for a fixed period of not more than two (2) years. However, a court may not place a person on probation for a period of more than twelve (12) months in the absence of a report that substantiates the need for a

period of probation that is longer than twelve (12) months for the purpose of completing a course of substance abuse treatment. A probation user's fee that exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the maximum probation user's fee allowed under IC 35-38-2-1 may not be required beyond the first twelve (12) months of probation.

As added by Acts 1976, P.L.148, SEC.8. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.123; P.L.5-1988, SEC.210; P.L.135-1993, SEC.9; P.L.90-2001, SEC.1; P.L.1-2002, SEC.152.

### **IC 35-50-3-2**

#### **Class A misdemeanor**

35-50-3-2 Sec. 2. A person who commits a Class A misdemeanor shall be imprisoned for a fixed term of not more than one (1) year; in addition, he may be fined not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

As added by Acts 1976, P.L.148, SEC.8. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.124.

### **IC 35-50-3-3**

#### **Class B misdemeanor**

35-50-3-3 Sec. 3. A person who commits a Class B misdemeanor shall be imprisoned for a fixed term of not more than one hundred eighty (180) days; in addition, he may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

As added by Acts 1976, P.L.148, SEC.8. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.125.

### **IC 35-50-3-4**

#### **Class C Misdemeanor**

35-50-3-4 Sec. 4. A person who commits a Class C misdemeanor shall be imprisoned for a fixed term of not more than sixty (60) days; in addition, he may be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500). As added by Acts 1978, P.L.2, SEC.3554.

### **IC 35-50-5**

#### **Chapter 5. Additional Penalties**

#### **IC 35-50-5-1 Repealed**

**(Repealed by Acts 1980, P.L.73, SEC.23.)**

### **IC 35-50-5-1.1**

#### **Bribery or official misconduct; filling vacancy under IC 5-8-6**

35-50-5-1.1 Sec. 1.1. (a) Whenever a person is convicted of a misdemeanor under IC 35-44-1, the court may include in the sentence an order rendering the person incapable of holding a public office of trust or profit for a fixed period of not more than ten (10) years.

(b) If any officer of a governmental entity is convicted of a misdemeanor under IC 35-44-1, the court may enter an order removing the officer from office.

(c) This subsection applies whenever:

(1) the court enters an order under this section that applies to a person who is an officer of a governmental entity (as defined in IC 35-41-1-12); and

(2) a vacancy occurs in the office held by the person as the result of the court's order.

The court must file a certified copy of the order with the person who is entitled under IC 5-8-6 to receive notice of the death of an individual holding the office. The person receiving the copy of the order must give notice of the order in the same manner as if the person had received a notice of the death of the officeholder under IC 5-8-6. The person required or permitted to fill the vacancy that results from a removal under this section must comply with IC 3-13 or IC 20, whichever applies, to fill the vacancy.

As added by Acts 1980, P.L.73, SEC.3. Amended by P.L.4-1991, SEC.140; P.L.119-2005, SEC.35.

### **IC 35-50-5-2**

#### **Alternative fine**

35-50-5-2 Sec. 2. In the alternative to the provisions concerning fines in this article, a person

may be fined a sum equal to twice his pecuniary gain, or twice the pecuniary loss sustained by victims of the offense he committed.

As added by Acts 1976, P.L.148, SEC.8. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.131.

### **IC 35-50-5-3**

#### **Restitution order**

35-50-5-3 Sec. 3. (a) Except as provided in subsection (i) or (j), in addition to any sentence imposed under this article for a felony or misdemeanor, the court may, as a condition of probation or without placing the person on probation, order the person to make restitution to the victim of the crime, the victim's estate, or the family of a victim who is deceased. The court shall base its restitution order upon a consideration of:

(1) property damages of the victim incurred as a result of the crime, based on the actual cost of repair (or replacement if repair is inappropriate);

(2) medical and hospital costs incurred by the victim (before the date of sentencing) as a result of the crime;

(3) the cost of medical laboratory tests to determine if the crime has caused the victim to contract a disease or other medical condition;

(4) earnings lost by the victim (before the date of sentencing) as a result of the crime including earnings lost while the victim was hospitalized or participating in the investigation or trial of the crime; and

(5) funeral, burial, or cremation costs incurred by the family or estate of a homicide victim as a result of the crime.

(b) A restitution order under subsection (a), or (i), or (j) is a judgment lien that:

(1) attaches to the property of the person subject to the order;

(2) may be perfected;

(3) may be enforced to satisfy any payment that is delinquent under the restitution order by the person in whose favor the order is issued or the person's assignee; and

(4) expires;

in the same manner as a judgment lien created in a civil proceeding.

(c) When a restitution order is issued under subsection (a), the issuing court may order the person to pay the restitution, or part of the restitution, directly to:

(1) the victim services division of the Indiana criminal justice institute in an amount not exceeding:

(A) the amount of the award, if any, paid to the victim under IC 5-2-6.1; and

(B) the cost of the reimbursements, if any, for emergency services provided to the victim under IC 16-10-1.5 (before its repeal) or IC 16-21-8; or

(2) a probation department that shall forward restitution or part of restitution to:

(A) a victim of a crime;

(B) a victim's estate; or

(C) the family of a victim who is deceased.

The victim services division of the Indiana criminal justice institute shall deposit the restitution it receives under this subsection in the violent crime victims compensation fund established by IC 5-2-6.1-40.

(d) When a restitution order is issued under subsection (a), (i), or (j), the issuing court shall send a certified copy of the order to the clerk of the circuit court in the county where the felony or misdemeanor charge was filed. The restitution order must include the following information:

(1) The name and address of the person that is to receive the restitution.

(2) The amount of restitution the person is to receive.

Upon receiving the order, the clerk shall enter and index the order in the circuit court judgment docket in the manner prescribed by IC 33-32-3-2. The clerk shall also notify the department of insurance of an order of restitution under subsection (i).

(e) An order of restitution under subsection (a), (i), or (j), does not bar a civil action for:

(1) damages that the court did not require the person to pay to the victim under the restitution order but arise from an injury or property damage that is the basis of restitution ordered by the court; and

(2) other damages suffered by the victim.

(f) Regardless of whether restitution is required under subsection (a) as a condition of probation or other sentence, the restitution order is not discharged by the completion of any probationary period or other sentence imposed for a felony or misdemeanor.

(g) A restitution order under subsection (a), (i), or (j), is not discharged by the liquidation of a person's estate by a receiver under IC 32-30-5 (or IC 34-48-1, IC 34-48-4, IC 34-48-5, IC 34-48-6, IC 34-1-12, or IC 34-2-7 before their repeal).

(h) The attorney general may pursue restitution ordered by the court under subsections (a) and (c) on behalf of the victim services division of the Indiana criminal justice institute established under IC 5-2-6-8.

(i) The court may order the person convicted of an offense under IC 35-43-9 to make restitution to the victim of the crime. The court shall base its restitution order upon a consideration of the amount of money that the convicted person converted, misappropriated, or received, or for which the convicted person conspired. The restitution order issued for a violation of IC 35-43-9 must comply with subsections (b), (d), (e), and (g), and is not discharged by the completion of any probationary period or other sentence imposed for a violation of IC 35-43-9.

(j) The court may order the person convicted of an offense under IC 35-43-5-3.5 to make restitution to the victim of the crime, the victim's estate, or the family of a victim who is deceased. The court shall base its restitution order upon a consideration of the amount of fraud or harm caused by the convicted person and any reasonable expenses (including lost wages) incurred by the victim in correcting the victim's credit report and addressing any other issues caused by the commission of the offense under IC 35-43-5-3.5. If, after a person is sentenced for an offense under IC 35-43-5-3.5, a victim, a victim's estate, or the family of a victim discovers or incurs additional expenses that result from the convicted person's commission of the offense under IC 35-43-5-3.5, the court may issue one (1) or more restitution orders to require the convicted person to make restitution, even if the court issued a restitution order at the time of sentencing. For purposes of entering a restitution order after sentencing, a court has continuing jurisdiction over a person convicted of an offense under IC 35-43-5-3.5 for five (5) years after the date of sentencing.

Each restitution order issued for a violation of IC 35-43-5-3.5 must comply with subsections (b), (d), (e), and (g), and is not discharged by the completion of any probationary period or other sentence imposed for an offense under IC 35-43-5-3.5.

(k) The court shall order a person convicted of an offense under IC 35-42-3.5 to make restitution to the victim of the crime in an amount equal to the greater of the following:

(1) The gross income or value to the person of the victim's labor or services.

(2) The value of the victim's labor as guaranteed under the minimum wage and overtime provisions of:

(A) the federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended (29 U.S.C. 201-209); or

(B) IC 22-2-2 (Minimum Wage);

whichever is greater.

As added by P.L.337-1983, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.149-1988, SEC.6; P.L.240-1991(ss2), SEC.99; P.L.2-1992, SEC.885; P.L.2-1993, SEC.194; P.L.47-1993, SEC.13; P.L.4-1994, SEC.21; P.L.307-1995, SEC.1; P.L.300-1995, SEC.3; P.L.1-1998, SEC.200; P.L.2-2002, SEC.105; P.L.88-2002, SEC.3; P.L.85-2004, SEC.54; P.L.98-2004, SEC.157; P.L.2-2005, SEC.129; P.L.125-2006, SEC.11; P.L.173-2006, SEC.54.

#### **IC 35-50-5-4**

##### **Reimbursement order**

35-50-5-4 Sec. 4. (a) This section applies only:

(1) if the county in which a criminal proceeding was filed adopts an ordinance under IC 36-2-13-15; and

(2) to a person who is sentenced under this article for a felony or a misdemeanor.

(b) At the time the court imposes a sentence, the court may order the person to execute a reimbursement plan as directed by the court and make repayments under the plan to the county for the costs described in IC 36-2-13-15.

- (c) The court shall fix an amount under this section that:
- (1) may not exceed an amount the person can or will be able to pay;
  - (2) does not harm the person's ability to reasonably be self-supporting or to reasonably support any dependent of the person; and
  - (3) takes into consideration and gives priority to any other restitution, reparation, repayment, costs, fine, or child support obligations the person is required to pay.
- (d) When an order is issued under this section, the issuing court shall send a certified copy of the order to the clerk of the circuit court in the county where the felony or misdemeanor charge was filed. Upon receiving the order, the clerk shall enter and index the order in the circuit court judgment docket in the manner prescribed by IC 33-32-3-2.
- (e) An order under this section is not discharged:
- (1) by the completion of a sentence imposed for a felony or misdemeanor; or
  - (2) by the liquidation of a person's estate by a receiver under IC 32-30-5 (or IC 34-48-1, IC 34-48-4, IC 34-48-5, and IC 34-48-6 before their repeal).
- As added by P.L.123-1998, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.1-1999, SEC.79; P.L.2-2002, SEC.106; P.L.98-2004, SEC.158.

## **IC 35-50-6**

### Chapter 6. Release From Imprisonment and Credit Time

#### **IC 35-50-6-1**

#### **Parole; discharge to community transition program or probation; lifetime parole for sexually violent predators and murderers**

Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (d) or (e), when a person imprisoned for a felony completes the person's fixed term of imprisonment, less the credit time the person has earned with respect to that term, the person shall be:

(1) released on parole for not more than twenty-four (24) months, as determined by the parole board;

(2) discharged upon a finding by the committing court that the person was assigned to a community transition program and may be discharged without the requirement of parole; or

(3) released to the committing court if the sentence included a period of probation.

(b) This subsection does not apply to a person described in subsection (d), (e), or (f). A person released on parole remains on parole from the date of release until the person's fixed term expires, unless the person's parole is revoked or the person is discharged from that term by the parole board. In any event, if the person's parole is not revoked, the parole board shall discharge the person after the period set under subsection (a) or the expiration of the person's fixed term, whichever is shorter.

(c) A person whose parole is revoked shall be imprisoned for all or part of the remainder of the person's fixed term. However, the person shall again be released on parole when the person completes that remainder, less the credit time the person has earned since the revocation. The parole board may reinstate the person on parole at any time after the revocation.

(d) This subsection does not apply to a person who is a sexually violent predator under IC 35-38-1-7.5. When a sex offender (as defined in IC 11-8-8-4.5) completes the sex offender's fixed term of imprisonment, less credit time earned with respect to that term, the sex offender shall be placed on parole for not more than ten (10) years.

(e) This subsection applies to a person who:

(1) is a sexually violent predator under IC 35-38-1-7.5;

(2) has been convicted of murder (IC 35-42-1-1); or

(3) has been convicted of voluntary manslaughter (IC 35-42-1-3).

When a person described in this subsection completes the person's fixed term of imprisonment, less credit time earned with respect to that term, the person shall be placed on parole for the remainder of the person's life.

(f) This subsection applies to a parolee in another jurisdiction who is a person described in subsection (e) and whose parole supervision is transferred to Indiana from another jurisdiction. In accordance with IC 11-13-4-1(2) (Interstate Compact for Out-of-State

Probationers and Parolees) and rules adopted under Article VII (d)(8) of the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision (IC 11-13-4.5), a parolee who is a person described in subsection (e) and whose parole supervision is transferred to Indiana is subject to the same conditions of parole as a person described in subsection (e) who was convicted in Indiana, including:

(1) lifetime parole (as described in subsection (e)); and

(2) the requirement that the person wear a monitoring device (as described in IC 35-38-2.5-3) that can transmit information twenty-four (24) hours each day regarding a person's precise location, if applicable.

(g) If a person being supervised on lifetime parole as described in subsection (e) is also required to be supervised by a court, a probation department, a community corrections program, a community transition program, or another similar program upon the person's release from imprisonment, the parole board may:

(1) supervise the person while the person is being supervised by the other supervising agency; or

(2) permit the other supervising agency to exercise all or part of the parole board's supervisory responsibility during the period in which the other supervising agency is required to supervise the person, if supervision by the other supervising agency will be, in the opinion of the parole board:

(A) at least as stringent; and

(B) at least as effective;

as supervision by the parole board.

(h) The parole board is not required to supervise a person on lifetime parole during any period in which the person is imprisoned. However, upon the person's release from imprisonment, the parole board shall recommence its supervision of a person on lifetime parole.

(i) If a court orders the parole board to place a sexually violent predator whose sentence does not include a commitment to the department of correction on lifetime parole under IC 35-38-1-29, the parole board shall place the sexually violent predator on lifetime parole and supervise the person in the same manner in which the parole board supervises a sexually violent predator on lifetime parole whose sentence includes a commitment to the department of correction.

*As added by Acts 1976, P.L.148, SEC.8. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.132; Acts 1979, P.L.120, SEC.11; Acts 1981, P.L.298, SEC.7; P.L.240-1991(ss2), SEC.100; P.L.11-1994, SEC.18; P.L.273-1999, SEC.215; P.L.90-2000, SEC.20; P.L.238-2001, SEC.22; P.L.116-2002, SEC.26; P.L.139-2006, SEC.6; P.L.140-2006, SEC.38 and P.L.173-2006, SEC.38; P.L.1-2007, SEC.237; P.L.216-2007, SEC.51.*

### **IC 35-50-6-2**

#### **Discharge from imprisonment for a misdemeanor**

Sec. 2. A person imprisoned for a misdemeanor shall be discharged when he completes his fixed term of imprisonment, less the credit time he has earned with respect to that term.

*As added by Acts 1976, P.L.148, SEC.8. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.133.*

### **IC 35-50-6-3**

#### **Credit time classes**

Sec. 3. (a) A person assigned to Class I earns one (1) day of credit time for each day the person is imprisoned for a crime or confined awaiting trial or sentencing.

(b) A person assigned to Class II earns one (1) day of credit time for every two (2) days the person is imprisoned for a crime or confined awaiting trial or sentencing.

(c) A person assigned to Class III earns no credit time.

(d) A person assigned to Class IV earns one (1) day of credit time for every six (6) days the person is imprisoned for a crime or confined awaiting trial or sentencing.

*As added by Acts 1976, P.L.148, SEC.8. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.134; P.L.80-2008, SEC.2.*

### **IC 35-50-6-3.3**

#### **Credit time for successful completion of educational degree or certificate**

Sec. 3.3. (a) In addition to any credit time a person earns under subsection (b) or section 3 of this chapter, a person earns credit time if the person:

(1) is in credit Class I;

(2) has demonstrated a pattern consistent with rehabilitation; and

(3) successfully completes requirements to obtain one (1) of the following:

(A) A general educational development (GED) diploma under IC 20-20-6, if the person has not previously obtained a high school diploma.

(B) A high school diploma, if the person has not previously obtained a general educational development (GED) diploma.

(C) An associate's degree from an approved postsecondary educational institution (as defined under IC 21-7-13-6(a)).

(D) A bachelor's degree from an approved postsecondary educational institution (as defined under IC 21-7-13-6(a)).

(b) In addition to any credit time that a person earns under subsection (a) or section 3 of this chapter, a person may earn credit time if, while confined by the department of correction, the person:

(1) is in credit Class I;

(2) demonstrates a pattern consistent with rehabilitation; and

(3) successfully completes requirements to obtain at least one (1) of the following:

(A) A certificate of completion of a career and technical education program approved by the department of correction.

(B) A certificate of completion of a substance abuse program approved by the department of correction.

(C) A certificate of completion of a literacy and basic life skills program approved by the department of correction.

(c) The department of correction shall establish admissions criteria and other requirements for programs available for earning credit time under subsection (b). A person may not earn credit time under both subsections (a) and (b) for the same program of study.

(d) The amount of credit time a person may earn under this section is the following:

(1) Six (6) months for completion of a state of Indiana general educational development (GED) diploma under IC 20-20-6.

(2) One (1) year for graduation from high school.

(3) One (1) year for completion of an associate's degree.

(4) Two (2) years for completion of a bachelor's degree.

(5) Not more than a total of six (6) months of credit, as determined by the department of correction, for the completion of one (1) or more career and technical education programs approved by the department of correction.

(6) Not more than a total of six (6) months of credit, as determined by the department of correction, for the completion of one (1) or more substance abuse programs approved by the department of correction.

(7) Not more than a total of six (6) months credit, as determined by the department of correction, for the completion of one (1) or more literacy and basic life skills programs approved by the department of correction.

However, a person who does not have a substance abuse problem that qualifies the person to earn credit in a substance abuse program may earn not more than a total of twelve (12) months of credit, as determined by the department of correction, for the completion of one (1) or more career and technical education programs approved by the department of correction. If a person earns more than six (6) months of credit for the completion of one (1) or more career and technical education programs, the person is ineligible to earn credit for the completion of one (1) or more substance abuse programs.

(e) Credit time earned by a person under this section is subtracted from the release date that would otherwise apply to the person after subtracting all other credit time earned by the person.

(f) A person does not earn credit time under subsection (a) unless the person completes at least a portion of the degree requirements after June 30, 1993.

(g) A person does not earn credit time under subsection (b) unless the person completes at

least a portion of the program requirements after June 30, 1999.

(h) Credit time earned by a person under subsection (a) for a diploma or degree completed before July 1, 1999, shall be subtracted from:

(1) the release date that would otherwise apply to the person after subtracting all other credit time earned by the person, if the person has not been convicted of an offense described in subdivision (2); or

(2) the period of imprisonment imposed on the person by the sentencing court, if the person has been convicted of one (1) of the following crimes:

(A) Rape (IC 35-42-4-1).

(B) Criminal deviate conduct (IC 35-42-4-2).

(C) Child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3).

(D) Child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4(b)).

(E) Vicarious sexual gratification (IC 35-42-4-5).

(F) Child solicitation (IC 35-42-4-6).

(G) Child seduction (IC 35-42-4-7).

(H) Sexual misconduct with a minor as a Class A felony, Class B felony, or Class C felony (IC 35-42-4-9).

(I) Incest (IC 35-46-1-3).

(J) Sexual battery (IC 35-42-4-8).

(K) Kidnapping (IC 35-42-3-2), if the victim is less than eighteen (18) years of age.

(L) Criminal confinement (IC 35-42-3-3), if the victim is less than eighteen (18) years of age.

(M) An attempt or a conspiracy to commit a crime listed in clauses (A) through (L).

(i) The maximum amount of credit time a person may earn under this section is the lesser of:

(1) four (4) years; or

(2) one-third (1/3) of the person's total applicable credit time.

(j) The amount of credit time earned under this section is reduced to the extent that application of the credit time would otherwise result in:

(1) postconviction release (as defined in IC 35-40-4-6); or

(2) assignment of the person to a community transition program;

in less than forty-five (45) days after the person earns the credit time.

(k) A person may earn credit time for multiple degrees at the same education level under subsection (d) only in accordance with guidelines approved by the department of correction. The department of correction may approve guidelines for proper sequence of education degrees under subsection (d).

(l) A person may not earn credit time:

(1) for a general educational development (GED) diploma if the person has previously earned a high school diploma; or

(2) for a high school diploma if the person has previously earned a general educational development (GED) diploma.

*As added by P.L.243-1993, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.149-1995, SEC.17; P.L.148-1995, SEC.7; P.L.183-1999, SEC.3; P.L.243-1999, SEC.3; P.L.14-2000, SEC.78; P.L.90-2000, SEC.21; P.L.164-2003, SEC.1; P.L.1-2005, SEC.229; P.L.2-2007, SEC.380; P.L.234-2007, SEC.171; P.L.80-2008, SEC.3.*

## **IC 35-50-6-4**

### **Credit time assignments**

Sec. 4. (a) A person who is not a credit restricted felon and who is imprisoned for a crime or imprisoned awaiting trial or sentencing is initially assigned to Class I.

(b) A person who is a credit restricted felon and who is imprisoned for a crime or imprisoned awaiting trial or sentencing is initially assigned to Class IV. A credit restricted felon may not be assigned to Class I or Class II.

(c) A person who is not assigned to Class IV may be reassigned to Class II or Class III if the person violates any of the following:

(1) A rule of the department of correction.

(2) A rule of the penal facility in which the person is imprisoned.

(3) A rule or condition of a community transition program.

However, a violation of a condition of parole or probation may not be the basis for reassignment. Before a person may be reassigned to a lower credit time class, the person must be granted a hearing to determine the person's guilt or innocence and, if found guilty, whether reassignment is an appropriate disciplinary action for the violation. The person may waive the right to the hearing.

(d) A person who is assigned to Class IV may be reassigned to Class III if the person violates any of the following:

(1) A rule of the department of correction.

(2) A rule of the penal facility in which the person is imprisoned.

(3) A rule or condition of a community transition program.

However, a violation of a condition of parole or probation may not be the basis for reassignment. Before a person may be reassigned to Class III, the person must be granted a hearing to determine the person's guilt or innocence and, if found guilty, whether reassignment is an appropriate disciplinary action for the violation. The person may waive the right to the hearing.

(e) In connection with the hearing granted under subsection (c) or (d), the person is entitled to:

(1) have not less than twenty-four (24) hours advance written notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing, and of the alleged misconduct and the rule the misconduct is alleged to have violated;

(2) have reasonable time to prepare for the hearing;

(3) have an impartial decisionmaker;

(4) appear and speak in the person's own behalf;

(5) call witnesses and present evidence;

(6) confront and cross-examine each witness, unless the hearing authority finds that to do so would subject a witness to a substantial risk of harm;

(7) have the assistance of a lay advocate (the department may require that the advocate be an employee of, or a fellow prisoner in, the same facility or program);

(8) have a written statement of the findings of fact, the evidence relied upon, and the reasons for the action taken;

(9) have immunity if the person's testimony or any evidence derived from the person's testimony is used in any criminal proceedings; and

(10) have the person's record expunged of any reference to the charge if the person is found not guilty or if a finding of guilt is later overturned.

Any finding of guilt must be supported by a preponderance of the evidence presented at the hearing.

(f) A person may be reassigned from Class III to Class I, Class II, or Class IV, or from Class II to Class I. A person's assignment to Class III or Class II shall be reviewed at least once every six (6) months to determine if the person should be reassigned to a higher credit time class. A credit restricted felon may not be reassigned to Class I or Class II.

*As added by Acts 1976, P.L.148, SEC.8. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.135; Acts 1979, P.L.120, SEC.12; P.L.90-2000, SEC.22; P.L.80-2008, SEC.4.*

## **IC 35-50-6-5**

### **Deprivation of credit time**

Sec. 5. (a) A person may, with respect to the same transaction, be deprived of any part of the credit time the person has earned for any of the following:

(1) A violation of one (1) or more rules of the department of correction.

(2) If the person is not committed to the department, a violation of one (1) or more rules of the penal facility in which the person is imprisoned.

(3) A violation of one (1) or more rules or conditions of a community transition program.

(4) If a court determines that a civil claim brought by the person in a state or an administrative court is frivolous, unreasonable, or groundless.

(5) If the person is a sex offender (as defined in IC 11-8-8-5) and refuses to register before being released from the department as required under IC 11-8-8-7.

(6) If the person is a sex offender (as defined in IC 11-8-8-5) and refuses to participate in a

sex offender treatment program specifically offered to the sex offender by the department of correction while the person is serving a period of incarceration with the department of correction. However, the violation of a condition of parole or probation may not be the basis for deprivation. Whenever a person is deprived of credit time, the person may also be reassigned to Class II (if the person is not a credit restricted felon) or Class III.

(b) Before a person may be deprived of earned credit time, the person must be granted a hearing to determine the person's guilt or innocence and, if found guilty, whether deprivation of earned credit time is an appropriate disciplinary action for the violation. In connection with the hearing, the person is entitled to the procedural safeguards listed in section 4(e) of this chapter. The person may waive the person's right to the hearing.

(c) Any part of the credit time of which a person is deprived under this section may be restored. *As added by Acts 1976, P.L.148, SEC.8. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.136; Acts 1979, P.L.120, SEC.13; P.L.146-1995, SEC.6; P.L.90-2000, SEC.23; P.L.140-2006, SEC.39 and P.L.173-2006, SEC.39; P.L.80-2008, SEC.5.*

### **IC 35-50-6-5.5**

#### **Credit time appeals**

Sec. 5.5. A person who has been reassigned to a lower credit time class or has been deprived of earned credit time may appeal the decision to the commissioner of the department of correction or the sheriff.

*As added by Acts 1979, P.L.120, SEC.14. Amended by P.L.204-1986, SEC.3.*

### **IC 35-50-6-6**

#### **Degree of security, parole, or probation; imprisonment upon revocation of parole; days spent on parole outside institution**

Sec. 6. (a) A person imprisoned for a crime earns credit time irrespective of the degree of security to which he is assigned. Except as set forth under IC 35-38-2.5.-5, a person does not earn credit time while on parole or probation.

(b) A person imprisoned upon revocation of parole is initially assigned to the same credit time class to which he was assigned at the time he was released on parole.

(c) A person who, upon revocation of parole, is imprisoned on an intermittent basis does not earn credit time for the days he spends on parole outside the institution.

*As added by Acts 1976, P.L.148, SEC.8. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.137; Acts 1979, P.L.120, SEC.15; P.L.166-2001, SEC.4.*

### **IC 35-50-6-7**

#### **Charge of new crime or violation of rule while confined; effect on credit time; assignment to Class III**

Sec. 7. (a) A person under the control of a county detention facility or the department of correction who:

(1) has been charged with a new crime while confined; or

(2) has allegedly violated a rule of the department or county facility;

may be immediately assigned to Class III and may have all earned credit time suspended pending disposition of the allegation.

(b) A person assigned to Class III under subsection (a) shall be denied release on parole or discharge until:

(1) he is in the actual custody of the department or the county detention facility to which he was sentenced; and

(2) he is granted a hearing concerning the allegations. The department or sheriff may waive the hearing if the person is restored to his former credit time class and receives all previously earned credit time and any credit time that he would have earned if he had not been assigned to Class III.

(c) A person who is assigned to Class III under subsection (a) and later found not guilty of the alleged misconduct shall have all earned credit time restored and shall be reassigned to the same credit time class that he was in before his assignment to Class III. In addition, the person shall be

credited with any credit time that he would have earned if he had not been assigned to Class III.  
*As added by P.L.338-1983, SEC.1.*

**IC 35-50-6-8**

**Person serving sentence of life imprisonment without parole does not earn credit time**

Sec. 8. A person serving a sentence of life imprisonment without parole does not earn credit time under this chapter.

*As added by P.L.53-2005, SEC.3.*