

**Blount County
Sheriff's Office**

Memo

To: Jared Anderson, Blount County Commission Chair
From: James Lee Berrong, Sheriff 
Date: October 20, 2025
Re: BCSO Corrections Disciplinary Review Board

The purpose of this memo is to ask you to include an item on the agenda for approval by the Blount County Commission at the Blount County Commission meeting on November 20. The description of the item we are requesting approval for is as follows:

As a TCI certified and accredited correctional facility, we are required to maintain a Disciplinary Review Board to review violations of the rules and regulations of the correctional facility committed by an inmate. A violation of the rules and regulations by an inmate could result in the revocation of all or any portion of the inmate's good time credit. The Disciplinary Review Board provides a hearing for the inmate to assure due process is being carried out prior to disciplinary measures being handed down to the inmate.

To assure fairness, the Disciplinary Review Board is comprised of six impartial members, as appointed by the Sheriff, subject to approval by the Blount County legislative body. The Tennessee General Assembly recently amended this law [(Tennessee Code Title 41 – Correctional Institutions and Inmates (§§ 41-1-101 – 41-51-302))] to include that the members of the Disciplinary Review Board must be approved by the county legislative body. We are asking the Blount County Commission to approve the following members of the Disciplinary Review Board:

Lt. Sam Hall (primary)
Deputy Joey Maus
Chris Cantrell
Capt. Chuck Garner
Investigator Ashley Wilson
Deputy Reyburn Angus

As members of the Disciplinary Review Board resign or roll off the board, new members must be approved by the Blount County Commission. In addition, all members of the Disciplinary Board must be reapproved by the Commission every two years.

A copy of the current law as it relates to this matter is attached for your reference. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me should you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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2024 Tennessee Code

Title 41 - CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND INMATES (§§ 41-1-101 — 41-51-302)

Chapter 2 - COUNTY WORKHOUSES (§§ 41-2-101 — 41-2-152)

Section 41-2-111 - Sentence to hard labor - Good time credit - Disciplinary review board

Universal Citation:

TN Code § 41-2-111 (2024) ○

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(a) In all cases where a person is by law liable to be imprisoned in the county jail for punishment or for failure to pay a fine, that person shall be sentenced to be confined, and shall be confined, at hard labor in the county workhouse until the expiration of the sentence of imprisonment or, subject to the limitations imposed by § 40-24-104, until the fine has been worked out, paid or secured to be paid.

(b) Each such prisoner who has been sentenced to the county jail or workhouse for any period of time less than one (1) year on either a misdemeanor or a felony, and who behaves uprightly, shall have deducted from the sentence imposed by the court

time equal to one quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the sentence. In calculating the amount of good time credit earned, the one-quarter reduction shall apply to the entire sentence, including pretrial and post-trial confinement. Fractions of a day's credit for good time of one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) or more shall be considered a full day's credit. If any prisoner violates the rules and regulations of the jail or workhouse, or otherwise behaves improperly, the sheriff or superintendent of the institution may revoke all or any portion of the prisoner's good time credit; provided, that the prisoner is given a hearing in accordance with due process before a disciplinary review board and is found to have violated the rules and regulations of the institution.

(c)

- (1)** The disciplinary review board for each institution shall be composed of six (6) impartial members, one (1) or more of whom may be members of the jail or workhouse staff.
- (2)** The members of the disciplinary review board, which is created by this section, shall be appointed by the sheriff or superintendent of the jail or workhouse where the institution is located, subject to approval by the county legislative body.
- (3)** Members shall serve for a period of two (2) years, except that appointments made to fill unexpired terms shall be for the period of the unexpired terms.
- (4)** No less than one (1) and no more than three (3) of the members of the disciplinary review board are required to transact the business authorized by this section.
- (5)** The county legislative body is authorized to establish the rate of compensation for such board members. In any county having a population of more than seven hundred thousand (700,000) according to the 1980 federal census or any subsequent federal census, this subsection (c) shall not apply.
- (6)** Members of the board, while acting in good faith, shall not be subject to civil liability relative to the performance of duties delegated to the board by this section.

(d) The prisoner shall be given notice of the disciplinary hearing and shall have the right to call witnesses in the prisoner's behalf. The decisions of the disciplinary review board for workhouse inmates may be appealed to the sheriff or workhouse superintendent.

Acts 1891, ch. 123, § 12; Shan., § 7417; Code 1932, § 12026; Acts 1967, ch. 103, § 1; impl. am. Acts 1978, ch. 934, §§ 16, 36; 1982, ch. 940, § 1; T.C.A. (orig. ed.), § 41-1219; Acts

1986, ch. 744, §§ 4-9; 1995, ch. 315, § 1; 2005, ch. 307, § 1.

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