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RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- PAROLE

Introduced By: Representatives Casimiro, Noret, Alzate, Kislak, Donovan, Cortvriend,
Henries, Morales, Williams, and Potter

Date Introduced: January 20, 2022

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 13-8-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 13-8 entitled "Parole" is
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **13-8-6. Duties of administrator -- Case folders.**

4 (a) The duties of the administrator shall include the following:

5 (1) To administer the office of the parole board;

6 (2) To supervise the collection of data for each applicant for parole;

7 (3) To summarize collected data and prepare a folder on each applicant for parole,
8 including the summary of the information collected from the above sources, or any other sources
9 which are deemed appropriate, together with the original supporting documents, and all
10 communications addressed to the board and its members concerning the applicant for parole;

11 (4) To maintain, in the folder of each applicant, the report of the board provided for in §
12 13-8-23;

13 (5) To arrange for each meeting of the board;

14 (6) To prepare all reports required of the board;

15 (7)(i) To send to the state and local police a list of all persons, including their date of birth
16 and last known address prior to incarceration, lead offenses, and the name of the police department
17 which prosecuted the person, whose application for parole is to be considered by the board, not less
18 than six (6) weeks prior to the meeting to consider the applications, so that the state police and the
19 local police departments may return any comment deemed appropriate at least two (2) weeks prior

1 to the scheduled meeting; and to make a reasonable effort to notify the victim of the crime
2 committed by the prisoner, or, in homicide cases, the victim's next of kin, and/or, in cases where
3 the victim is a minor, the victim's parent and/or legal guardian, not less than thirty (30) days prior
4 to the meeting, of his or her right to provide a victim impact statement to the board;

5 (ii) For the purposes of this subdivision the following words and phrases have the following
6 meanings:

7 (A) "Victim" means an individual who has suffered direct or threatened physical,
8 emotional, or financial harm as the result of the commission of a crime, or an immediate family
9 member of a minor or a homicide victim.

10 (B) "Victim impact statement" means a statement providing information about the
11 financial, emotional, and physical effects of a crime on the victim and the victim's family, and
12 specific information about the victim, the circumstances surrounding the crime, and the manner in
13 which it was perpetrated.

14 (8) To furnish the attorney general, the state police, and the local police departments set
15 forth in § 13-8-9.1 with a photograph (or a reasonable facsimile) of each prisoner released, taken
16 at the time of his or her release on parole;

17 (9) To notify the police department of the town or city in which the prisoner resided before
18 sentence and the police department of the city or town in which he or she is to reside, at least five
19 (5) days prior to the release of any prisoner on parole, of the release;

20 (10) To have published in a newspaper of general circulation, once a month, the names of
21 the persons whose applications for parole are to be considered within the upcoming month and the
22 hearing date or dates of the applications;

23 (11) To prepare a list of all individuals released by the board;

24 (12) To maintain that list in the permanent files of the office of the board, which list shall
25 be a public record;

26 (13) To confer with the director of corrections on all matters relating to the activities of the
27 board; ~~and~~

28 (14) To perform related duties as required; and

29 (15) To send notice to an inmate's immediate family of the upcoming parole hearing as
30 provided in this subsection.

31 (i) An inmate shall provide a list of immediate family members he or she would like to
32 have notified, along with their current addresses, to the administrator not less than sixty (60) days
33 prior to the date of the hearing.

34 (ii) Notice shall be mailed to the inmate's selected immediate family not less than thirty

1 [\(30\) days prior to the meeting. Said notice shall inform the family member of his or her right to](#)
2 [attend the parole hearing.](#)

3 (b) Case folders shall be made available to each member of the board not less than a week
4 prior to its meeting to interview applicants for parole and shall be maintained in the permanent files
5 of the board.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1 This act would allow an inmate's immediate family to be notified of and attend a parole
2 hearing.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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