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By Assemblymen AZZOLINA, BLEE, Geist, Assemblywoman Heck, Assemblymen Kramer, LeFevre, Talarico, Assemblywoman Allen, Assemblymen Zecker, O'Toole and Senator Kosco

1 AN ACT establishing a parole advisory board ¹[on substance abuse
2 treatment]¹ and supplementing chapter 4 of Title 30 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. There is hereby established a Parole Advisory Board ¹[on
9 Substance Abuse Treatment]¹ in, but not of, the Bureau of Parole.
10 Notwithstanding the allocation of the board within the bureau, the
11 bureau or any employee thereof shall not exercise any control over the
12 board. The advisory board shall consist of ¹[21]23¹ members. It
13 shall include in its membership the Chief of the Bureau of Parole in the
14 Department of Corrections or his designee, who shall serve ex officio;
15 one member representing each of the following organizations and
16 groups, who shall be appointed by the Governor: the State Parole
17 Board, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Health and
18 Senior Services, ¹the Department of Law and Public Safety,¹ Office
19 of the Governor, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Victims
20 of Crime Compensation Board, the New Jersey Chapter of the
21 American Correctional Association, the County Prosecutors
22 Association of New Jersey, the Sheriffs' Association of New Jersey,
23 the New Jersey Wardens Association, the New Jersey State
24 Association of Chiefs of Police, the American Parole and Probation
25 Association ¹[;] Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.¹

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly ALP committee amendments adopted March 3, 1997.

² Senate SLP committee amendments adopted June 16, 1997.

1 the community at large, treatment providers, victims' rights groups and
2 former inmates who have successfully completed parole. Two
3 members of the Senate, who shall not be of the same political party
4 and who shall serve during their terms of office, shall be appointed by
5 the President of the Senate. Two members of the General Assembly,
6 who shall not be of the same political party and who shall serve during
7 their terms of office, shall be appointed by the Speaker of the General
8 Assembly.

9 Members of the board shall be appointed with the advice and
10 consent of the Senate, and serve a term of three years, except for the
11 initial gubernatorial appointees, ¹[four] ²[~~seven~~¹] ~~six~~² of whom shall
12 serve for two years and ¹[four] ²[~~seven~~¹] ~~six~~² of whom shall serve for
13 four years. Each member shall serve for the term of appointment and
14 until a successor is appointed. A member may be reappointed to the
15 board. A member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring in the
16 membership of the board for any reason other than the expiration of
17 the term shall serve a term of appointment for the unexpired term
18 only. All vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original
19 appointments. Any appointed member of the board, except the
20 legislative members, may be removed from the board by the Governor,
21 for cause, after a hearing, and may be suspended by the Governor
22 pending the completion of the hearing. Legislative members may be
23 removed for cause by the leader of their respective houses. Motions
24 and resolutions may be adopted by the board at a board meeting by an
25 affirmative vote of not less than ²[11] ~~12~~² members.

26 Members of the board shall serve without compensation but shall
27 be entitled to reimbursement for actual expenses of serving on the
28 board, to the extent that funds are available for this purpose.

29 The board shall organize as soon as possible after the appointment
30 of its members. The members shall select a chair from among their
31 number.

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33 2. It shall be the duty of the advisory board to review and comment
34 on ²supervision issues,² the development and implementation of
35 ²[¹supervision standards,¹]² drug and alcohol treatment programs for
36 ²[inmates and]² parolees, ¹and ²[special assignments] any other issues²
37 as requested by the Commissioner of Corrections,¹ taking into
38 consideration research conducted by the Bureau of Parole. The board
39 shall sponsor conferences with criminal justice administrators and
40 community members, including treatment providers, in order to
41 educate all interested parties in the importance of relapse prevention
42 and treatment for specialized cases, and to address issues such as
43 lowering costs, developing protocols for confidentiality, identifying the
44 type and amount of treatment that should be available, and promoting
45 community involvement in the reintegration process. The advisory
46 board may make recommendations to the Commissioner of

1 Corrections, the Parole Board, the Legislature and the Governor in
2 these matters.

3 The advisory board shall meet at least semiannually and may hold
4 hearings at any place or places it shall designate during the sessions or
5 recesses of the Legislature. The Bureau of Parole shall have primary
6 responsibility for providing staff services and other necessary support
7 to the board. The board may also request the assistance and services
8 of the employees of any State, county or municipal department, board,
9 bureau, commission, task force or agency as it may require and as may
10 be available to it for its purposes. The board may, within the limits of
11 funds appropriated or otherwise made available to it for its purposes,
12 employ stenographic and clerical assistants and incur travel and
13 miscellaneous expenses necessary for the performance of its duties.

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15 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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20 Establishes a parole advisory board.