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1 AN ACT concerning prison sentencing and supplementing P.L.1979,
2 c.441.

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

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7 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "No Early
8 Release Act."

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10 2. a. Notwithstanding any commutation credits allowed for good
11 behavior and credits earned for diligent application to work and other
12 institutional assignments, or any other provision of law to the contrary,
13 an inmate sentenced for a crime of the first or second degree involving
14 violence to the custody of the Department of Corrections shall not be
15 eligible for parole until the inmate has served not less than 85 percent
16 of the court-ordered term of incarceration.

17 b. The provisions of subsection a. of this section shall not reduce
18 the time that must be served before eligibility for parole by an inmate
19 sentenced to a mandatory minimum period of incarceration.

20 c. The Parole Board shall promulgate rules and regulations
21 necessary to carry out the purposes this act pursuant to the
22 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
23 seq.).

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25 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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30 This bill creates the "No Early Release Act" which supplements the
31 "Parole Act of 1979," and is intended to increase prison time for
32 offenders committing the most serious crimes in society.

1 The bill requires that any person convicted of committing a first or
2 second degree crime involving violence serve a minimum of 85 percent
3 of his court-ordered term of incarceration, regardless of the number of
4 commutation credits, work credits, or minimum custody credits
5 earned.

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10 Requires persons convicted of certain crimes to serve at least 85% of
11 the term of incarceration.