

SENATE, No. 1487

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator LESNIAK

1 AN ACT concerning abolishing parole in certain cases and creating a
2 commission to study possible solutions to prison overcrowding.

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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. Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, an adult
8 sentenced by the court to imprisonment in a State correctional facility
9 for committing a crime on or after the effective date of this act shall
10 not be eligible for parole. Such person shall not be granted
11 progressive time credits for good behavior pursuant to R.S.30:4-140
12 or credits for diligent application to work and other institutional
13 assignments pursuant to R.S. 30:4-92.

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15 2. There is hereby established a commission to be known as the
16 "Commission to Study Solutions to Prison Overcrowding." The
17 commission shall consist of ten members to be appointed as follows:
18 two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;
19 no more than one of whom shall be of the same political party; two
20 members of the General Assembly to be appointed by the Speaker of
21 the General Assembly, no more than one of whom shall be of the same
22 political party; the Attorney General; the Commissioner of the
23 Department of Corrections; the President of the County Prosecutors
24 Association of New Jersey; the Director of the Administrative Office
25 of the Courts; the Chairman of the State Parole Board and the
26 Chairman of the Violent Crimes Compensation Board. The
27 commission shall undertake a study of possible solutions to prison
28 overcrowding which might result from the abolishment of the current
29 parole system.

30 The commission shall meet as soon as practicable after the
31 appointment of its members. Vacancies in the membership shall be
32 filled in the same manner as the original appointments were made.

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34 3. The commission shall organize as soon as possible after the
35 appointment of its members and shall select a chairperson and vice-
36 chairperson from among the members. The chairperson shall appoint
37 a secretary who need not be a member of the commission.

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3 Eliminates parole for adult offenders imprisoned in State correctional
4 facilities and establishes commission to the study possible solutions to
5 prison overcrowding.