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SENATE, No. 2203

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator KOSCO

1 AN ACT establishing a parole advisory board and supplementing
2 chapter 4 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. There is hereby established a Parole Advisory Board in, but not
8 of, the Bureau of Parole. Notwithstanding the allocation of the board
9 within the bureau, the bureau or any employee thereof shall not
10 exercise any control over the board. The advisory board shall consist
11 of 23 members. It shall include in its membership the Chief of the
12 Bureau of Parole in the Department of Corrections or his designee,
13 who shall serve ex officio; one member representing each of the
14 following organizations and groups, who shall be appointed by the
15 Governor: the State Parole Board, the Department of Corrections, the
16 Department of Health and Senior Services, the Department of Law
17 and Public Safety, Office of the Governor, the Administrative Office
18 of the Courts, the Victims of Crime Compensation Board, the New
19 Jersey Chapter of the American Correctional Association, the County
20 Prosecutors Association of New Jersey, the Sheriffs' Association of
21 New Jersey, the New Jersey Wardens Association, the New Jersey
22 State Association of Chiefs of Police, the American Parole and
23 Probation Association, Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug
24 Abuse, the community at large, treatment providers, victims' rights
25 groups and former inmates who have successfully completed parole.
26 Two members of the Senate, who shall not be of the same political
27 party and who shall serve during their terms of office, shall be
28 appointed by the President of the Senate. Two members of the
29 General Assembly, who shall not be of the same political party and
30 who shall serve during their terms of office, shall be appointed by the
31 Speaker of the General Assembly.

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 Senate SLP committee amendments adopted June 16, 1997.

1 Members of the board shall be appointed with the advice and
2 consent of the Senate, and serve a term of three years, except for the
3 initial gubernatorial appointees, ¹[seven] six¹ of whom shall serve for
4 two years and ¹[seven] six¹ of whom shall serve for four years. Each
5 member shall serve for the term of appointment and until a successor
6 is appointed. A member may be reappointed to the board. A member
7 appointed to fill a vacancy occurring in the membership of the board
8 for any reason other than the expiration of the term shall serve a term
9 of appointment for the unexpired term only. All vacancies shall be
10 filled in the same manner as the original appointments. Any appointed
11 member of the board, except the legislative members, may be removed
12 from the board by the Governor, for cause, after a hearing, and may
13 be suspended by the Governor pending the completion of the hearing.
14 Legislative members may be removed for cause by the leader of their
15 respective houses. Motions and resolutions may be adopted by the
16 board at a board meeting by an affirmative vote of not less than ¹[11]
17 12¹ members.

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

21 The board shall organize as soon as possible after the appointment
22 of its members. The members shall select a chair from among their
23 number.

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25 2. It shall be the duty of the advisory board to review and comment
26 on ¹supervision issues, ¹the development and implementation of
27 ¹[supervision standards]¹ drug and alcohol treatment programs for
28 ¹[inmates and]¹ parolees, and ¹[special assignments] any other issues¹
29 as requested by the Commissioner of Corrections, taking into
30 consideration research conducted by the Bureau of Parole. The board
31 shall sponsor conferences with criminal justice administrators and
32 community members, including treatment providers, in order to
33 educate all interested parties in the importance of relapse prevention
34 and treatment for specialized cases, and to address issues such as
35 lowering costs, developing protocols for confidentiality, identifying the
36 type and amount of treatment that should be available, and promoting
37 community involvement in the reintegration process. The advisory
38 board may make recommendations to the Commissioner of
39 Corrections, the Parole Board, the Legislature and the Governor in
40 these matters.

41 The advisory board shall meet at least semiannually and may hold
42 hearings at any place or places it shall designate during the sessions or
43 recesses of the Legislature. The Bureau of Parole shall have primary
44 responsibility for providing staff services and other necessary support
45 to the board. The board may also request the assistance and services
46 of the employees of any State, county or municipal department, board,

1 bureau, commission, task force or agency as it may require and as may
2 be available to it for its purposes. The board may, within the limits of
3 funds appropriated or otherwise made available to it for its purposes,
4 employ stenographic and clerical assistants and incur travel and
5 miscellaneous expenses necessary for the performance of its duties.

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7 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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12 Establishes a parole advisory board.