

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 49

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators **INVERSO** and **KOSCO**

1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** creating a commission to study and make
2 recommendations to improve the probation system in New Jersey.

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4 **WHEREAS**, The Legislature finds and declares that serious and violent
5 offenses are being committed by criminals who are on probation in
6 the State of New Jersey; and

7 **WHEREAS**, The probation system currently lacks the resources and
8 officers to monitor the growing number of violent offenders on
9 probation who present a threat to public safety for New Jersey
10 citizens; and

11 **WHEREAS**, It would be appropriate in many cases to strengthen the
12 probation system and more effectively supervise probationers in the
13 State; now, therefore,

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15 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
16 *of New Jersey:*

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18 1. There is hereby established a commission to be known as the
19 "Joint Study Commission on Probation." The commission shall consist
20 of 13 members: the Attorney General or his designee, the Director of
21 the Administrative Office of the Courts or his designee, and the
22 Commissioner of Corrections or his designee, all appointed ex-officio;
23 four members appointed by the Governor, who shall include one
24 probation officer or a representative of the Probation Association of
25 New Jersey, one representative of the business community and two
26 crime victims or concerned citizens; three public members appointed
27 by the President of the Senate, no more than two of whom shall be of
28 the same political party; and three public members appointed by the
29 Speaker of the General Assembly, no more than two of whom shall be
30 of the same political party. The commission shall undertake a
31 thorough study of the probation system and shall propose to the
32 Governor and Legislature recommendations for improvements in the
33 system.

34 The commission shall meet as soon as practicable after the
35 appointment of its members. Vacancies in the membership shall be
36 filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

- 1 findings and recommend any legislation it determines beneficial.
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- 5 Establishes Joint Study Commission on Probation.